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II.

GENERAL MINUTES.

Question I. Who are admitted on trial?

Answer: Thomas Spencer Leitch, William L. Jones, Wilmot C. Stone, L. Hunter Early, James E. McCulloch, Daniel T. Merritt, Robert L. Busby, William L. Murphy, J. Franklin Cary, Henry W. Dunkley, W. G. Burch.

Question II. Who remain on trial?

Answer: Robert H. Marks, Frank Burruss, Wallace R. Evans, J. C. Harry, Wm. E. Moore, John T. Sewell, John K. Clayton, Joseph D. Langley, J. Edward Brooks, Francis B. McSparran, John C. Granbery, Jr., Robt. C. Garland.

Question III. Who are discontinued?

Answer: None.

Question IV. Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer: John E. White, James E. Oyler, Ernest L. Peerman, Jesse B. Lavinder, Samuel J. Battin, Lewis C. Shearer.

Question V. Who are re-admitted?

Answer: None.

Question VI. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer: William B. Moore, an elder from the North Carolina Conference.

Question VII. Who are the deacons of one year?

Answer: Lloyd T. Williams, Henry F. B. Martin, Geo. E. B. Smith, Graham H. Lambeth, Patrick H. Clements, Chas. E. Blankenship, Alex. L. Franklin, John D. Hosier, Wilkinson L. Ware, Robert L. Wingfield, Eugene J. Potts, W. T. A. Haynes, Jno. W. Parrish (already an Elder), Thos. E. Johnson.

Question VIII. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Answer: John C. Granbery, Jr., Jesse B. Lavinder, James E. Oyler, Robert C. Garland.

Question IX. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Answer: John C. Granbery, Jr., Jesse B. Lavinder, James E. Oyler, Robert C. Garland.

Question X. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Answer: Charles W. Cooper, Lewis Hunter Early, Henry W. Dunkley, J. Edward Brooks (on trial in traveling connection *one year* and local preacher *three* previous years consecutively).

Question XI. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Answer: Charles W. Cooper, Lewis Hunter Early, Henry W. Dunkley, J. Edward Brooks.

Question XII. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Answer: William C. Pace, M. S. Colonna, Jr., Dexter W. Reed, Gustavus W. Dyer, Geo. Wesley Jones, Fred'k G. Davis.

Question XIII. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Answer: William C. Pace, Dexter W. Reed, Geo. Wesley Jones, M. S. Colonna, Jr., Gustavus W. Dyer, Fred'k G. Davis.

Question XIV. What local preachers are elected elders?

Answer: John W. Eure.

Question XV. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Answer: John W. Eure.

Question XVI. Who are located this year?

Answer: Gustavus W. Dyer.

Question XVII. Who are supernumerary?

Answer: Wm. H. Camper, Thos. H. Early and Joseph A. Proctor.

Question XVIII. Who are superannuated?

Answer: James F. Brannin, Alex. M. Hall, Herbert T. Bacon, Edward M. Jordan, John McClelland, Wm. F. Bain, Wm. A. Laughon, Thos. J. Bayton, John L. Clarke, Wm. A. Robinson, John W. Crider, Wm. A. Crocker, Robt. N. Crooks, John P. Woodward, John B. Dey, James E. Gates, James R. Waggener, Charles H. Boggs, Geo. E. Booker, Sr., and W. T. A. Haynes.

Question XIX. What preachers have died during the past year?

Answer: L. S. Reed, Jacob Manning, Geo. C. Vanderslice, D. M. Wallace, J. J. Edwards and Jas. L. Spencer.

Question XX. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Answer: Their names were called one by one, and their characters were passed.

Question XXI. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Answer: Local preachers, 132; Members, 88,630.

Question XXII. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Answer: 1,075.

Question XXIII. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Answer: 2,491.

Question XXIV. What is the number of Epworth Leagues?

Answer: 187.

Question XXV. What is the number of Epworth League members?

Answer: 10,275.

Question XXVI. What is the number of Sunday schools?

Answer: 791.

Question XXVII. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

Answer: 8,786.

Question XXVIII. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

Answer: 61,874.

Question XXIX. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer: \$14,000.

Question XXX. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Answer: Collected from pastoral charges.....	\$10,439 42
“ from Publishing House.....	1,000 00
“ from Hall Fund.....	148 00
Total.....	\$11,587 42
Applied to claimants on the fund.....	\$10,934 00

Question XXXI. What has been contributed for missions?

Answer: Foreign, \$16,871.90; Domestic, \$9,950.00; by Rosebuds, \$3,335.10.

Question XXXII. What has been contributed for Church Extension?

Answer: \$4,128.55.

Question XXXIII. What has been done for the American Bible Society?

Answer: Collected \$729.24.

Question XXXIV. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge?

Answer: Presiding Elders, \$17,089.09; Preachers in Charge, \$169,621.64.

Question XXXV. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops?

Answer: \$2,810.29.

Question XXXVI. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them?

Answer: Number of societies, 761; number of houses of worship, 751.

Question XXXVII. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?

Answer: Value, \$1,903,583.00; indebtedness, \$138,724.00.

Question XXXVIII. What is the numbtr of pastoral charges and of parsonages owned by them ?

Answer: Pastoral Charges, 211: Number of Pasonages, 147.

Question XXXIX. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon ?

Answer: Value, \$270,350.00; Indebtedness, \$18,885.00.

Question XL. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages ?

Answer: Number of Districts, 11; Number of District Parsonages, 3.

Question XLI. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon ?

Answer: Value, \$9,000.00; Indebtedness, \$——.

Question XLIV. What are the educational statistics ?

Answer: See report of the Board of Education.

Question XLV. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held ?

Answer: At Petersburg, Va.

Question XLVI. Where are the preachers stationed this year ?

Answer: See Appointments.

III.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

First Day.

Opening Session.—THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, was held at Portsmouth, Virginia, commencing on Wednesday, November 16, 1898, Bishop R. K. HARGROVE presiding.

The session was, according to order taken at the last session, opened by the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper by the presiding Bishop, assisted by other ministers.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and 186 clerical and — lay members answered to their names.

Organization.—Paul Whitehead was elected Secretary, and S. S. Lambeth, B. M. Beckham and George F. Greene, Assistant Secretaries.

The hours of meeting and adjournment daily were, on motion, fixed at nine o'clock A. M. and one o'clock P. M., respectively.

The bar of Conference was, on motion, fixed at the third window of the church from the pulpit.

On motion, G. H. Spooner was appointed to receive and distribute the mail for the members of Conference.

Committees Appointed.—On motion, the pastors of our churches in Portsmouth and the Presiding Elder of the Portsmouth district were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

The Standing Committees and Boards of Conference were constituted according to regulation on the subject.

On motion, the chair was requested to appoint special committees as follows:

- (1.) A Committee on Temperance.
- (2.) A Committee on the Bible Cause.
- (3.) A Committee of three persons to nominate committee on Conference Relations.
- (4.) A committee to nominate committees of examination for the next four years.

The chair appointed Geo. H. Ray, J. C. Reed, and Jas. M. Anderson to nominate the Committee on Conference Relations.

In accordance with the law passed by the last General Conference, superseding a regulation of this Conference, the following were appointed the Committee on Admissions: T. O. Edwards, Thos. N. Potts, W. B. Jett, Ernest Stevens, Jos. W. Shackford, R. A. Compton, J. W. Stiff, Jesse T. Whitley, W. E. Judkins, N. H. Robertson, T. J. Taylor.

On motion, Geo. H. Ray and L. B. Betty were appointed a Committee on Introductions to Conference.

Conference Colporter.—The Secretary communicated to the Conference the nomination in writing by the book agents, Barbee & Smith, of Alex. G. Brown to be colporter for the Virginia Conference, which nomination was confirmed by the Conference.

Visiting Brethren.—The following connectional officers and visiting brethren were introduced by the presiding Bishop: Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., Secretary of the Epworth League; Rev. J. D. Hammond, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education; Rev. Young J. Allen, D. D., Missionary to China; Rev. William S. Campbell, Secretary of the Virginia Bible Society.

Epworth League Board.—On motion, it was ordered that the Epworth League Board of this Conference, provided for by the legislation of the General Conference of 1898, shall consist of one clerical and one lay member from each district to be nominated by the presiding elders.

Nominations were made and confirmed for the same. (See Boards).

Vacancies Filled.—On motion of J. M. Burton, the following persons were appointed on the committee of the first year, for the present session, to supply the place of committeemen who are absent, viz.: T. N. Potts and R. M. Chandler.

Dr. Allen's Address.—On motion of R. N. Sledd, it was made the order of the day for Friday morning next, at eleven o'clock, to hear an address by Dr. Young J. Allen.

Question 20.—Minute Question 20, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was called, and the following elders passed in examination of character: James F. Brannin, Alex. M. Hall, H. T. Bacon, E. M. Jordan, W. F. Bain, Wm. A. Loughon, T. J. Bayton, H. C. Bowles, John McClelland, John L. Clarke, Wm. A. Robinson, John W. Crider, W. A. Crocker, R. N. Crooks, C. S. Wamsley, John B. Dey, James A. Riddick, James E. Gates, James R. Waggener, Wm. H. Camper, Thos. H. Early, Jos. A. Proctor, and John Q. Rhodes.

And it was ordered that the names of Wm. H. Camper, T. H. Early, and Jos. A. Proctor be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations as applicants for the supernumerary relation; and the names of the other persons above-named (except C. S. Wamsley and John Q. Rhodes) to the same committee as applicants for the superannuated relation.

Communications Referred.—The following communications were presented and read to the Conference, and referred as here indicated:

(1.) A communication from the Board of Church Extension of the M. E. Church, South, (P. H. Whisner, Secretary); referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

(2.) A communication from the agents of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, (Barbee & Smith); referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

(3.) A communication from the Boards of Missions of the M. E. Church, South; referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

(4.) A communication from the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, South, (J. D. Hammond, Secretary); referred to the Conference Board of Education.

(5.) A communication of the Epworth League Board of the M. E. Church, South, (H. M. DuBose, Secretary); referred to the Conference Board of Epworth Leagues.

(6.) A communication from Paine Institute; referred to the Conference Board of Education.

Question 20 Resumed.—Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following presiding elders passed in examination of character: A. G. Brown, Paul Whitehead, Charles E. Watts, John S. Hunter, Oscar Littleton, Wm. P. Wright, Joseph H. Riddick, Thomas H. Campbell, Joseph H. Amiss, J. Powell Garland, W. C. Vaden.

The chair announced the following to compose special committees ordered this morning:

Special Committees.—Committee on Temperance: F. M. Edwards, R. Ferguson, J. T. Whitley.

Committee on the Bible Cause: R. Irby, W. V. Tudor, W. E. Judkins.

And then the Conference adjourned.

Second Day.

THURSDAY, November 17, 1898.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by J. T. Whitley.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Permission to retire during the morning session was, on motion, granted to the Committee on Admissions.

Committee on Conference Relations.—Geo. H. Ray, from the Committee to Nominate a Committee on Conference Relations, made report as follows, which was adopted:

The Committee to Nominate the Committee on Conference Relations desire to report the following committeemen: W. W. Lear, R. B. Scott, John M. Burton, Jno. W. Carroll, J. W. Shackford, E. E. Harrell, W. W. Royall, R. B. Blankenship, C. C. Wertenbaker, W. H. Edwards, W. H. Gregory.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

G. H. RAY, J. M. ANDERSON,
J. C. REED.

Question 20 Again.—Minute Question 20 was resumed, and a number of elders passed in examination of character.

Name Referred.—The name of Charles H. Boggs was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

Addresses Heard.—The Conference was addressed by J. D. Hammond, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Wilbur F. Tillett, who is Dean of the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, also addressed the Conference with reference to the connectional relation and work of that University.

On motion of Paul Whitehead, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

W. W. Royall was appointed on Sunday-school Board in place of W. W. Sawyer. And then the Conference adjourned.

Third Day.

FRIDAY, November 18, 1898.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by T. J. Taylor.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

A communication from Rev. J. Atkins, D. D., editor of Sunday-school literature of our Church, was presented to Conference, read, and, on motion, referred to the Sunday-school Board of this Conference.

Permission was, on motion, granted to the Committee on Conference Relations to retire for consultation during the morning session.

Question 8.—Minute Question 8, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" was called, and John E. White, John C. Granbery, Jr., Jesse B. Lavinder, Jas. E. Oyler, Robt. C. Garland, Samuel J. Battin, Ernest L. Peerman, and Lewis C. Shearer, of the class of the second year, passed in examination of character, and having severally passed an approved examination on the course of study prescribed for this class by the Bishops, were advanced to the class of the third year, and Jno. C. Granbery, Jr., was continued on trial; and it was ordered that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" John C. Granbery, Jr., Jesse B. Lavinder, James E. Oyler, and Robt. C. Garland, were severally elected to deacon's orders.

Question 2.—Minute Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" was called, and Robert H. Marks, Frank Burruss, Wallace R. Evans, J. C. Harry, Wm. E. Moore, John K. Clayton, Joseph D. Langley, J. E. Brooks, John T. Sewall, and Francis B. McSparran, of the class of the first year, passed in examination of character; and having passed an approved examination on the course of study prescribed by the Bishops, were severally continued on trial and advanced to the class of the second year.

Question 12.—Minute Question 12, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" was called, and Wm. C. Pace, M. S. Colonna, Jr., John W. Parrish, Dexter W. Reed, Gustavus W. Dyer, Geo. Wesley Jones, Thos. E. Johnson, and Frederick G. Davis, of the class of the fourth year, passed in examination of character; and having (with the exception of John W. Parrish and Thomas E. Johnson) passed an approved examination on the course of study prescribed by the Bishops, were severally, with the exceptions aforesaid, elected to elder's orders. John W. Parrish (who is already an elder) and Thos. E. Johnson were continued in the class of the fourth year.

Question 7.—Minute Question 7, "Who are the deacons of one year?" was called, and W. T. A. Haynes, of the class of the third year, passed in examination of character; and not having appeared before the Committee of Examination, was continued in the same class; and on motion, on account of his infirm health, his application for the supernumerary relation was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The consideration of Minute Question 7 was then continued; and Lloyd T. Williams, Charles E. Blankenship, Henry F. B. Martin, Alexander L. Franklin, Geo. E. B. Smith, John D. Hosier, Graham H. Lambeth, Wilkinson L. Ware, Patrick H. Clements, Eugene J. Potts, and Robert L. Wingfield, of the class of the third year, passed in examination of character; and (with the exception of Eugene J. Potts).

having passed an approved examination on the course of study prescribed by the Bishops, were, with that exception, severally continued as deacons and advanced to the class of the fourth year. Eugene J. Potts was continued in the class of the third year.

Methodist Orphanage.—A. Coke Smith presented to the Conference resolutions of the Epworth League Conference, held at Norfolk, Va., during the present year, on the subject of establishing, through the agency of the League, a Methodist Orphanage for the Virginia Conference; which, on his motion, were referred to the Epworth League Board of this Conference.

Dr. Allen's Address.—The order of the day having arrived, Rev. Young J. Allen, D. D., addressed the Conference on the subject of "China Made Willing."

At the close of Dr. Allen's address, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the presence at our Conference of Dr. Young J. Allen, for forty years missionary to China, and thank him for his very able and instructive address on China and Japan as most inviting fields for missionary effort.

(Signed) J. H. AMISS,
A. COKE SMITH.

Question 10.—Minute Question 10, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" was called, and Chas W. Cooper, a local preacher of Asbury, in West Richmond District; Lewis H. Early, a local preacher of the Lynchburg District; H. W. Dunkley, a local preacher of the Danville District, were severally recommended by the District Conferences of these Districts as suitable persons to be ordained deacons, and being approved by the Conference, were elected to deacon's orders accordingly.

J. Edward Brooks, who was, for three years successively previous to his admission on trial, a local preacher of our Church, and has been on trial in the traveling connection one year, applied for deacon's orders, and being approved by the Conference, was elected to deacon's orders accordingly.

Time Fixed.—On motion of A. Coke Smith, it was ordered that the report of the Board of Education be made the order of the day for to-morrow (Saturday) at 12 o'clock M.

On motion of S. S. Lambeth, it was ordered that the order of the day for Monday at 12 o'clock M. be the report of the Committee on Memoirs, and that the exercises consist of religious service and the reading of the report only.

Bible Cause.—A communication from the agent of the Maryland Bible Society was presented and referred to the Committee on the Bible Cause.

Fraternal Greeting.—The following resolution was offered by R. Irby and Wm. E. Edwards, and adopted:

Resolved, That we send the greeting of the Virginia Annual Conference to the North Carolina Conference, which in part was for many years one with us in spreading scriptural holiness over this land.

Invitation to Virginia Beach.—Capt. E. V. White extended an invitation to the Conference to visit Virginia Beach to see a site selected for a campground; which, on motion of A. G. Brown and J. E. Deshazo, was gratefully accepted.

Conference Relations.—W. W. Royall, from the Committee on Conference Relations, made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Conference Relations beg to submit the following report:

We have carefully and conscientiously considered the cases referred to us, and we make the following recommendations:

For the Supernumerary Relation.—Wm. H. Camper, Thos. H. Early, and Jos. A. Proctor.

For the Superannuated Relation.—Jas. F. Brannin, Alex. M. Hall, Herbert T. Bacon, Edward M. Jordan, John McClelland, Wm. F. Bain, Wm. A. Loughon, Thos. J. Bayton, John L. Clarke, Wm. A. Robinson, John W. Crider, Wm. A. Crocker, Robert N. Crooks, John P. Woodward, John B. Dey, James A. Riddick, James E. Gates, James R. Waggener, Chas. H. Boggs, Geo. E. Booker, Sr., and W. T. A. Haynes.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

W. W. ROYALL, Chairman.

W. W. LEAR, Secretary.

And then the Conference adjourned.

Fourth Day.

SATURDAY, November 19th, 1898.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Bishop J. C. Granbery was introduced to the Conference.

Divine service was conducted by J. C. Watson.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Hall Fund.—Alex. G. Brown, Trustee of the Hall Fund, made report, which was adopted, and the same is as follows:

The undersigned Trustee of the Hall Fund begs leave to report the sum of \$148.00 in hand for distribution by the Joint Board of Finance, and asks an order of the Conference to pay over the same to said Board.

And it is with deep regret and sorrow of heart that he reminds you of the unexpected death of his co-trustee—Rev. Geo. C. Vanderslice, D. D.—of blessed memory; and he would recommend the election of the Rev. B. F. Lipscomb as his successor.

ALEX. G. BROWN.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., Nov. 19, 1898.

And it was ordered that the funds in hand be paid to the Joint Board of Finance.

Homes for Conference Claimants.—A communication from A. G. Brown, on the subject of providing homes for the claimants on the Conference Collection Fund, was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

War Claim.—William W. Royall and others offered certain resolutions respecting the collection of the "Publishing House War Claim," which were read to the Conference. A motion to lay these upon the table was lost; and, on motion, it was resolved that these resolutions, and all others upon this subject, be referred to a committee consisting of one clerical and one lay member from each Presiding Elder's District, on nomination of the several Presiding Elders; and it was ordered that all other such papers be referred to the committee without reading.

The following were then nominated and appointed to constitute the committee: B. F. Lipscomb, G. Anderson, E. H. Rawlings, M. A. Cogbill, E. H. Rowe, Oliver Eastbourn, Richard Ferguson, W. J. Kidd, James C. Reed, D. J. Evans, O. L. Martin, F. B. Watson, Jas. Cannon, Jr., J. E. Clarke, R. T. Wilson, R. B. Hartley, R. M. Chandler, A. E. Kellam, C. H. McGhee, Geo. L. Neville, J. R. Griffith, L. J. Hyslop.

Question 20 Resumed.—Minute Question 20 was resumed, and a number of elders passed in examination of character.

Complaint Made.—The name of James Cannon, Jr., was called, and Paul Whitehead preferred a complaint against him, based upon certain articles written by him, and published in the *Methodist Recorder* and *Southern Methodist Recorder* during the present year.

James C. Reed moved that the complaint be heard, and the matter decided at once in the Conference session.

A. G. Brown offered as a substitute for the motion of James C. Reed, that the case be referred to a committee of recommendation, composed of nine elders, appointed by the Chair, who shall hear the complaint and the reply of James Cannon, Jr., and make report of such action as they may see fit to recommend to the Conference.

After discussion, the substitute of A. G. Brown prevailed.

Bishop Granbery.—Bishop Granbery in the chair.

On motion of Alex. G. Brown and J. P. Garland, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the presence of our dear brother, Bishop J. C. Granbery, D. D., at this session of our Conference gives us great pleasure, and we bid him a hearty welcome, at all times, to our homes and charges, as well as to the annual session of this body, with which he has been closely associated for a half century.

Resolved, That having had the privilege of hearing his able and deeply interesting semi-centennial sermon, delivered in this church last night, we tender him our thanks for the same, and request a copy for publication in our Conference Annual of next issue.

ALEX. G. BROWN,
J. POWELL GARLAND.

Bishop Granbery responded cordially and tenderly.

Report on Education.—The order of the day having arrived, the Board of Education, through A. Coke Smith, made report, which was discussed and adopted. (See Reports.)

Committee in the Cannon Case.—The Chair announced the following to compose the committee of recommendation in the case of James Cannon, Jr.: J. T. Mastin, J. T. Whitley, R. H. Mullen, W. T. Green, J. E. Deshazo, B. E. Ledbetter, T. G. Pullen, W. R. Crowder, and W. B. Beauchamp.

Question 4.—Minute Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was called, and the following members of the class of the second year, John E. White, Jesse B. Lavinder, James E. Oyler, Samuel J. Battin, Ernest L. Peerman, and Lewis C. Shearer, were examined before the Conference by the Bishop, as the Discipline directs, and severally admitted into full connection. Robert C. Garland, of this class, was, on motion, continued on trial, and it was ordered that his name be returned in the answer to Minute Question 2, "Who remain on trial?"

On motion of O. Littleton, the presiding Bishop was requested to appoint Lewis C. Shearer as a student at one of our institutions of learning

And then the Conference adjourned.

Fifth Day.

MONDAY, November 21st, 1898.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by W. W. Royall.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Question 1.—Minute Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was called, and Wm. L. Jones, a local preacher of Rappahannock District; Thos Spencer Leitch, a local preacher of Rappahannock District; Wilmot C. Stone, a local preacher of Charlottesville District; Lewis Hunter Early, a local preacher of Lynchburg District; Jas. E. McCulloch, a local preacher of Farmville District; Daniel T. Merritt, a local preacher of Norfolk District; Robert L. Busby, a local preacher of Norfolk District; Wm. L. Murphy, a local preacher of Norfolk District; J. Franklin Cary, a local preacher of Eastern Shore District; Wm. E. Smith, a local preacher of Eastern Shore District; H. W. Dunkley, a local preacher of Danville District; W. G. Burch, a local preacher of Danville District, were severally recommended by the District Conferences of those districts; and having passed an approved examination on the course of study prescribed by the Bishops (with the exception of Wm. E. Smith, whose examination was not approved), were, with the exception noted, severally admitted accordingly; and the Conference requested the Bishop to appoint Thos. S. Leitch, Jas. E. McCulloch and H. W. Dunkley as students in some institution of learning of our Church.

And on motion, it was ordered that any Presiding Elder may employ Wm. E. Smith for any work where his services may be needed.

Question 20 Resumed.—Minute Question 20 was resumed, and a number of elders passed in examination of character.

Preachers Ordained.—The presiding Bishop reported the following ordinations in this city yesterday, in answer to Minute Questions 9, 11, 13 and 15.

Minute Question 9: "What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?"

Answer: J. C. Granbery, Jr., James B. Lavinder, James E. Oyler, R. C. Garland.

Minute Question 11: "What local preachers are ordained deacons?"

Answer: L. H. Early, H. W. Dunkley, C. W. Cooper, J. Edward Brooks.

Minute Question 13: "What traveling preachers are ordained elders?"

Answer: W. C. Pace, M. S. Colonna, Jr., Dexter W. Reed, Gus. W. Dyer, Geo. W. Jones, Fred. G. Davis.

Minute Question 15: "What local preachers are ordained elders?"

Answer: Jno. W. Eure, who was this day elected, and ordained by Bishop Hargrove.

Rosebud Report.—T. H. Campbell presented the report of the Rosebud Missionary Society, which was read for the information of Conference. (See Reports.)

Publishing Interests.—W. G. Starr, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made report, which was read, and, on motion, adopted. (See Reports.)

Preachers' Relief Society.—W. W. Vicar read for the information of Conference the treasurer's report of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference. (See Reports.)

And the following persons were nominated as Directors of that society, and con-

firmed by the Conference, viz.: Revs. J. Carson Watson, F. M. Edwards and J. C. Reed, and C. V. Winfree, W. J. Kilby, E. V. White, S. Q. Collins, E. G. Moseley, W. W. Vicar.

Temperance.—F. M. Edwards made report from the Committee on Temperance, which was read, and, on motion, adopted. (See Reports.)

And F. M. Edwards and Richard Ferguson were elected delegates to the Congress of American Anti-Saloon Leagues to be held in Cleveland, Ohio; and James Cannon, Jr., was elected a member of the Board of Directors of American Anti-Saloon Leagues.

On motion of A. G. Brown, John J. Lafferty was substituted for J. C. Reed on Committee on Memoirs.

Committee on Nominations.—On motion, H. M. Hope, J. Wiley Bledsoe, R. A. Compton and B. M. Beckham were appointed a Committee to Nominate Committees of Examination on the Course of Study, for the next four years.

Written Examinations.—R. Ferguson and others offered a paper in reference to the written examination of the several classes of the Conference, which was adopted; and same is as follows:

WHEREAS, Much variety of method has prevailed in the written examination of the classes of this Conference by the committees, and as we believe it desirable that there should be uniformity; therefore, be it—

Resolved 1. That it is the opinion of the Conference that these examinations should be held in the presence of the Committee—at least one member being present all the time.

Resolved 2. That a specified period of time should be allotted to each subject.

Resolved 3. That no candidate be allowed to appear before the Committee after the first day of Conference, unless prevented by sickness or other good cause, which shall be determined by the Committee.

RICH. FERGUSON,
T. J. TAYLOR,
R. A. COMPTON,

R. T. WILSON,
J. M. BURTON,
W. W. LEAR,

A. COKE SMITH.

Question 14.—Minute Question 14 was called, "What local preachers are elected elders?" and John W. Eure, a local deacon, having been duly recommended by the District Conference of Farmville District as a suitable person to be elected elder, and having certified his belief in our doctrines and discipline, was accordingly elected an elder.

Memorial Service.—The hour for the order of the day, viz.: The report of the Committee on Memoirs, having arrived, devotional services were conducted by Bishop John C. Granbery.

Minute Question 19, "What preachers have died during the past year?" was called, and the Committee on Memoirs reported the names of Lemuel S. Reed, Jacob Manning, Geo. C. Vanderslice, Jas. L. Spencer, Jos. J. Edwards, and D. M. Wallace.

The memoirs of these deceased members of the Conference were read in the following order: that of Lemuel S. Reed by T. McN. Simpson; that of Jacob Manning by T. McN. Simpson; that of Geo. C. Vanderslice by J. J. Lafferty; that of Jas. L. Spencer by S. S. Lambeth; that of Jos. J. Edwards by W. E. Edwards; that of D. M. Wallace by J. J. Lafferty. The reading of memoirs was interspersed with appropriate singing.

The report was then adopted. (See Memoirs.)

And then the Conference adjourned.

Sixth Day.

TUESDAY, November 22, 1898.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by McDaniel Rucker.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Sunday-School Report.—T. J. Taylor submitted the report of the Sunday-School Board, which was read, and, on motion, adopted. (See Reports.)

History of Randolph-Macon College.—Richard Irby, in an appropriate address, presented to Vanderbilt University, through Bishop Hargrove, who is President of the Board of Trustees of that University, a copy of the History of Randolph-Macon College, of which Captain Irby is the author. Bishop Hargrove accepted the gift in a few well-conceived words.

Seat of Next Session.—A. G. Brown, from the Committee on Conference Entertainment, made report that Petersburg had been unanimously selected as the place for the next session of Conference. And the Conference ordered that Petersburg, Va., be returned as answer to Minute Question 45, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?"

Homes for the Homeless.—A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, submitted a paper on the subject of "Homes for the Homeless Widows, Orphans and Superannuated Preachers," which was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

And on motion of R. W. Watts and J. W. Shackford, it was

Resolved, That the Joint Board of Finance be, and they are hereby authorized and requested, to collect from Rev. A. G. Brown the money belonging to Conference and now in his hands as Superintendent of Colportage, and to use the same in behalf of the widows and orphans and superannuated preachers of the Conference on the plan adopted to secure comfortable homes for their relief and benefit.

District Conference Records.—D. E. Ledbetter, from the Committee on District Conference Records, reported that all the records had been examined, and were neatly and correctly kept. And the report was adopted.

Bible Cause.—R. Irby, from the Committee on the Bible Cause, made report, which was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

On motion of B. F. Lipscomb, the report of the Committee on the Publishing House War Claim was made the order of the day for this morning at 11 o'clock.

Colportage.—G. H. McFaden submitted the report of the Board of Colportage, with the recommendation that the Bishop appoint A. G. Brown as Superintendent of Colportage for the Virginia Conference; which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Board of Finance.—The Bishop announced the following to compose the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing Conference year: B. F. Lipscomb, W. W. Lear, J. M. Anderson, R. W. Watts, J. W. Shackford, J. T. Bosman, W. W. Royall, E. T. Dadmun, R. B. Beadles, A. G. Brown, J. D. Hank, S. D. Turner, M. A. Cogbill, Littleton Cockerell, F. T. West, C. V. Winfree, J. M. Williams, R. S. Paulett, L. L. Marks, Geo. L. Neville, W. W. Vicar, J. E. Broadwater.

Committees of Examination.—J. W. Bledsoe, from the Committee to

Nominate Examining Committees on Course of Study for ensuing four years, made report as follows, which was adopted :

For Admission on Trial—J. M. Anderson, J. B. Askew, Bascom Dey, C. D. Crawley.
 Class of First Year—C. F. Comer, J. W. Carroll, Ernest Stevens, J. W. Shackford.
 Class of Second Year—W. F. Davis, W. A. Christlan, W. H. Gregory, E. T. Dadmun.
 Class of Third Year—J. E. Deshazo, Paul Bradley, W. T. Green, J. B. DeBerry.
 Class of Fourth Year—W. J. Young, J. N. Latham, T. N. Potts, W. R. Proctor.

Church Extension.—W. G. Bates read the report of the Board of Church Extension, which was adopted. (See Reports.) Bishop Hargrove made some interesting remarks on the work of the General Board before the adoption of the report—especially in connection with the work of the Women's Home Missionary Society. The Conference Board of Missions distributed the checks to the claimants on that Board, all claims being paid in full.

Resolutions of Thanks.—On motion of W. W. Royall, E. H. Rowe, J. S. Hunter, and R. A. Compton, it was

Resolved, That we have greatly enjoyed the presence among us of Bishop R. K. Hargrove ; that his presidency has been able, courteous and most acceptable to us, and that we will ever extend to him a cordial welcome to our midst.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

And on motion of S. S. Lambeth, the Conference, by a rising vote, also extended thanks to the citizens of Portsmouth, Norfolk and Berkely for their cordial hospitality in the entertainment of this Conference.

Thanks were also tendered to all transportation companies for any reduction in fare ; to the secretaries and reporters of the papers for the faithful discharge of duties, and to the several pastors who have offered us the use of their pulpits.

Epworth League.—On motion of S. S. Lambeth, the order of the day was postponed to hear the report of the Epworth League Board. E. H. Rawlings then submitted that report, which was read, discussed and adopted. (See Reports.)

War Claim.—The order of the day was then taken up, and R. T. Wilson, from the special committee on the subject of the War Claim of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, made report. (See Reports.)

B. F. Lipscomb made a report from a minority of the committee. (See Reports.)

A motion was made to adopt the report of the minority as a substitute for the committee's report, which was adopted by a vote of 124 to 73.

Preachers for Next Session.—The Committee on Public Worship reported the following appointments for the next session of Conference : To preach the opening sermon, W. W. Lear ; alternate, J. T. Mastin. To preach the sermon at the ordination of elders, J. W. Shackford ; alternate, T. McN. Simpson.

The Board of Missions of the Conference for the next four years was then nominated by the Presiding Elders and appointed by the Conference. (See Boards.)

Personal Privilege.—J. T. Moore rose to a question of personal privilege, in reference to a statement of T. H. Campbell, made yesterday, that he (Moore) was unacceptable on his charge because of his persistent presentation of his views on the subject of entire sanctification. Brother Moore thought injustice was done him, in that this statement of the Presiding Elder was made publicly on the Conference floor. He stated that the opposition to his present charge was a faction. He claimed that he only preached Methodist doctrines.

Appropriations of Joint Board.—B. F. Lipscomb reported the appropriations made by the Joint Board of Finance for the present year to claimants upon the Conference collection, which were approved by Conference. (See Reports.)

Memorial Services.—J. R. Sturgis and S. S. Lambeth offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our Conference Memorial Services shall hereafter be held at night, and at a special meeting of the Conference ordered for this purpose by each annual session of the Conference.

The Board of Education for the ensuing four years was appointed. (See Boards.)

Chautauqua By-the-Sea.—On motion of A. G. Brown and R. T. Wilson, the following paper was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Chautauqua By-the-Sea have so kindly extended to the Virginia M. E. Conference an excursion to their grounds at Virginia Beach—

Resolved, 1. That we extend our thanks for the same.

2. That in our opinion, it is the place to establish a camp-meeting grounds for the M. E. Church, South, provided proper arrangements can be made; and we do hereby recommend to our committee, if such can be done, the location of the same on the Chautauqua grounds, and that they take the necessary steps to establish a yearly camp-meeting there.

On motion of S. S. Lambeth, W. V. Tudor was substituted for W. H. Atwill on the Board of Missions.

Sexton Remembered.—A collection, on motion of T. McN. Simpson, was lifted for the sexton, and \$19.02 was the amount realized.

On motion, it was ordered that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet again this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

And then the Conference adjourned.

EVENING SESSION—7:30 o'clock.

Conference met according to adjournment, A. G. Brown (by appointment of Bishop Hargrove) in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by A. G. Brown.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

Sermon by Dr. Tudor.—The Chair announced that the committee in the case of James Cannon, Jr., would probably not be ready to report before tomorrow; and there being no other business to transact this evening, a sermon would be preached before the Conference by Dr. Tudor.

And then the Conference, on motion, adjourned to hear the sermon.

Seventh Day.

WEDNESDAY, November 23, 1898.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Wm. H. Reynolds.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

There being no business ready, on motion, Conference adjourned to meet again at 11 o'clock A. M. to-day.

11 o'clock A. M.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Question 6.—Minute Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" was called, and the Bishop announced that he had received by transfer from the North Carolina Conference to this Conference, Wm. B. Moore, an elder.

Question 16.—Minute Question 16, "Who are located this year?" was called, and Gustavus W. Dyer was, on motion, granted a location, at his own request.

Question 5.—Minute Question 5, "Who are re-admitted?" was called, and there were no applications for re-admission.

Publication of Minutes.—On motion of Ernest Stevens and W. A. Christian, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. B. F. Lipscomb be requested to publish two thousand copies of the Minutes, according to the plan adopted last year.

Board of Colportage.—A. G. Brown announced the Colportage Board for the ensuing four years, which was confirmed by the Conference. (See Boards.)

Board of Missions.—The organization of the Board of Missions of this Conference for the ensuing quadrennium was reported as follows: President, R. N. Sledd; Vice-President, W. E. Edwards; Secretary, L. B. Betty; Treasurer, W. W. Vicar.

Checks Distributed.—The Joint Board of Finance distributed its checks to the several claimants on the Conference Collection.

Board of Education.—The organization of the Board of Education for the ensuing four years was announced, viz.: A. Coke Smith, President; Jas. Cannon, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer; Richard Irby, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

Board of Missions.—The appropriations made for the ensuing year by the Conference Board of Missions and the annual report to Conference were submitted by R. N. Sledd, and the appropriations were read by L. B. Betty, Secretary of Board (see Reports); and, on motion, the reports and appropriations were ordered to record by the Secretary.

Historical Epitome.—On motion of R. M. Chandler and E. Stevens, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That B. F. Lipscomb be requested to give in the Minutes an epitomized history of the members of the Conference.

Statistical Reports.—J. C. Reed and A. Coke Smith offered the following:

Resolved, That hereafter the Statistical Reports be made by churches or societies, instead of charges, as now made.

This, after discussion, was adopted.

Conference Statistics.—In answer to Minute Questions 21–41, inclusive, the statistics of the Conference were reported by the Joint Board of Finance, and, on motion, the report was approved. (See General Minutes.)

Session Extended.—On motion, the time of the session was extended to communicate with the committee in case of Jas. Cannon, Jr., and learn when they will be able to make report to the Conference.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced that W. F. Tillett had been transferred to the Tennessee Conference; W. E. Thompson to Little Rock Conference; and J. W. Moore to the Louisville Conference, and stationed at Fourth Avenue, Louisville.

Questions 42, 43.—Minute Questions 42 and 43 were called, but no information on the matter of these inquiries was in the possession of the Conference.

Night Session.—On motion, it was ordered that when we adjourn, the Conference adjourn to meet again at 7:30 o'clock to-night.

And then the Conference adjourned.

— EVENING SESSION—7:30 o'clock.

Conference met according to adjournment, R. N. Sledd in the chair (by appointment of Bishop Hargrove).

Divine service was conducted by H. M. Hope.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

C. C. Wertenbaker and others offered the following resolutions, which, on motion, were laid upon the table:

Resolved 1st. That we, the Virginia Conference, re-affirm the sentiment embodied in the resolution adopted by an overwhelming majority of this Conference at its last session, in the city of Danville, in reference to the appointment of Presiding Elders for a longer term of service in that office than eight years consecutively.

Resolved 2d. That we, believe the good of the Church, and peace among ourselves, demand the retirement, after this year, of all who have been in that office for over eight years.

C. C. WERTENBAKER, RICHARD FERGUSON,
J. C. REED.

Experience Meeting.—On motion of J. H. Amiss, the Conference, at 8:15 o'clock, took a recess until 9 o'clock, to engage in an experience meeting, which was conducted by Dr. Tudor. After hearing brief statements of Christian experience from different brethren, the Conference resumed its business session.

Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

On motion, Conference took a recess for thirty minutes.

The Conference, at the expiration of the recess, resumed its business session.

The Cannon Case.—J. T. Mastin, from the committee of recommendation in the case of James Cannon, Jr., made report, which was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

The minutes of this evening's session were read and approved.

Appointments Read.—Bishop Hargrove, in answer to Minute Question 46, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" announced the appointments. (See Appointments.)

And then the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

IV.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1898-'99.

Numerals stand for years on the charge.
Names of Undergraduates in italics.

- I. Richmond District**.....R. T. WILSON, P. E. 1
1. Richmond—Broad Street.....W. G. Starr, 4
 2. Trinity.....J. T. Mastin, 4
 3. Chickahominy.....*J. T. Sewell*, 2
 4. City Mission.....To be supplied.
 5. Union Station.....C. L. Baue, 2
 6. Hasker Memorial.....*L. C. Shearer*, 1
 7. St. James.....W. B. Beauchamp, 4
 8. Denny Street.....J. T. Routten, 1
 9. Fairmont Avenue.....George E. Booker, Jr., 1
 10. Manchester—CentralJ. C. Reed, 1
 11. Fifth Street.....J. S. Wallace, 1
 12. West End Memorial.....C. D. Crawley, 1
 13. Asbury.....*W. L. Jones*, 1
 14. Henrico.....H. J. Brown, 3
 15. Charles City.....*W. E. Moore*, 2
 16. New KentE. A. Potts, 2
 17. West New Kent.....J. E. McSparran, 1
 18. West Point.....W. E. Bullard, 3
 19. East King and Queen.....George H. Wiley, 1
 20. Gloucester.....D. G. C. Butts, 1
 21. Gloucester Point.Asa Driscoll, 2
 22. Williamsburg.....J. N. Latham, 3
 23. York.....L. J. Phaup, 1
 24. Newport News—Washington Avenue.....B. F. Lipscomb, 2
 25. Chestnut Avenue.....M. S. Colonna, Jr., 2
 - Colporter for Virginia Conference.....A. G. Brown.
- II. West Richmond District**...J. POWELL GARLAND, P. E., 1
26. Richmond—Centenary.....W. V. Tudor, 4; E. L. Pell, 4
 27. Clay Street.....E. H. Rawlings, 3
 28. Park Place.....T. N. Potts, 4
 29. Laurel Street.....R. F. Gayle, 2
 30. EpworthJoseph G. Lennon, 1
 31. AsburyB. M. Beckham, 3
 32. Highland Park.....Eugene J. Potts, 1
 33. Barton Heights.....J. S. Peters, 2
 34. Hanover.....W. R. Smithey, 1

35. King William.....	Porter Hardy, 3
36. Ashland.....	W. H. Atwill, 2
37. Ashland Circuit.....	R. H. Marks, 2
38. West Hanover.....	C. W. Leftwich, 1
39. Caroline.....	C. S. Wamsley, 1
40. Goochland.....	T. E. Johnson, 2
41. West Goochland.....	R. G. James, 1
42. East Louisa Mission.....	W. D. Mower, supply, 3
43. Cartersville.....	J. D. Forkner, 1
44. Chesterfield.....	O. Littleton, 1
45. West Chesterfield.....	W. H. Riddick, 3
46. South Chesterfield.....	M. L. Williams, 2
47. Powhatan.....	T. Burton, supply, 3
Student in Vanderbilt University.....	John C. Granbery, Jr.

III. Rappahannock District.....JOSEPH H. AMISS, P. E., 1

48. Whitestone.....	C. R. James, 1
49. Lancaster.....	J. O. Babcock, 1
50. Heathsville.....	J. Carson Watson, 1
51. Bethany.....	J. W. S. Robins, 1
52. Richmond Circuit.....	W. G. Burch, 1
53. Whealton.....	W. L. Ware, 1
54. Westmoreland.....	W. F. Davis, 1
55. Montross.....	Frank Burruss, 1
56. King George.....	T. J. Wray, 2
57. Spotsylvania.....	C. H. Williams, 4
58. Bowling Green.....	W. F. Hayes, 3
59. Essex.....	W. B. Jett, 3
60. King and Queen.....	R. E. Bentley, 3
61. Middlesex.....	J. M. Anderson, 2
62. West Mathews.....	J. L. Pribble, 3
63. Mathews.....	J. E. Deshazo, 3 ; and one to be supplied.
Principal Southern Seminary.....	E. H. Rowe.
Student Randolph-Macon College.....	T. S. Leitch.

IV. Charlottesville District.....J. S. HUNTER, P. E., 4

64. Charlottesville.....	W. E. Edwards, 2
65. Belmont and Rose Hill.....	J. H. Moss, 1
66. Albemarle.....	J. M. Burton, 1
67. Scottsville.....	L. T. Hitt, 2
68. Batesville.....	J. W. Carroll, 3
69. Nelson.....	R. W. Watts, 2
70. North Nelson.....	J. T. Meadows, 1
71. Rockfish.....	L. H. Early, 1
72. Amherst.....	A. C. Jordan, 2
73. West Amherst.....	R. T. Clarke, 2
74. Mt. Pleasant.....	D. W. Reed, 2
75. Milton Mission.....	W. C. Stone, 1
76. Fluvanna.....	A. S. J. Rice, 1
77. Louisa.....	J. Q. Rhodes, 2
78. Gordonsville.....	C. F. Comer, 2
79. Orange.....	E. F. Hall, 1 ; W. H. Camper, supernumerary.

80. Greene.....W. A. S. Conrad, 2
 81. Madison.....T. G. Pullen, 2
 82. Woodville.....B. F. Smith, 1
 83. Culpeper.....Ernest Stevens, 2
 84. Culpeper Circuit.....N. J. Pruden, 1
 85. Rappahannock.....Richard Ferguson, 2
 President Central Female Institute.....J. T. Payne.
 Conference Missionary Secretary.....J. W. Bledsoe.
 Editor RICHMOND CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.....J. J. Lafferty.

- V. Lynchburg District**.....PAUL WHITEHEAD, P. E., 1
 86. Lynchburg—Centenary.....W. Asbury Christian, 3
 87. Court-Street.....A. Coke Smith, 4; T. H. Early, super.
 88. Memorial.....J. W. Stiff, 1
 89. Trinity.....W. R. Evans, 1
 90. Cabell Street.....Graham H. Lambeth, 1
 91. South View and Providence.....J. K. Clayton, 2
 92. Madison Station.....S. W. Day, 1
 93. Bedford City.....S. S. Lambeth, 3
 94. Bedford Circuit.....Joseph W. Shackford, 3
 95. North Bedford.....Robert L. Busby, 1
 96. Bedford Springs.....B. E. Ledbetter, 1
 97. Middle Bedford.....W. A. Tompkins, 2
 98. West Bedford.....J. W. Heckman, 2
 99. Staunton River.....R. C. Garland, 1
 100. West Campbell.....J. W. Parrish, 1
 101. Campbell.....D. J. Traynham, 1
 102. Concord.....C. H. Galloway, 1
 103. Appomattox.....P. M. Bell, 2
 104. West Charlotte.....W. J. Williams, 2
 Instructor in Randolph-Macon Woman's College....R. M. Saunders.

- VI. Danville District**.....W. P. WRIGHT, P. E., 3
 105. Danville—Main Street.....R. N. Sledd, 4
 106. Floyd Street.....Ernest L. Peerman, 1
 107. Cabell Street.....George H. Ray, 1
 108. Mt. Vernon.....J. T. Bosman, 2
 109. Calvary.....T. J. Taylor, 2
 110. Washington Street.....F. B. McSparran, 1
 111. Pittsylvania.....S. H. Johnson, 2
 112. Chatham.....E. F. Garner, 1
 113. South Pittsylvania.....S. R. Drewry, 2
 114. Ridgeway.....W. C. Pace, 1
 115. North Pittsylvania.....T. P. Duke, 3
 116. Rocky Mount.....E. E. Harrell, 1
 117. Franklin.....J. C. Harry, 1
 118. East Franklin.....McDaniel Rucker, 1
 119. South Franklin Mission.....To be supplied.
 120. West Franklin Mission.....C. E. Blankenship, 4
 121. Henry.....R. L. Wingfield, 4
 122. Martinsville.....H. C. Cheatham, 2
 123. Patrick.....H. F. B. Martin, 4

124. Meadows of Dan.....*J. B. Lavinder*, 2
 125. South Boston and Houston.....*F. M. Edwards*, 4
 126. Halifax.....*M. S. Elliott*, 3
 127. East Halifax.....*J. B. Askew*, 1
 Student in Randolph-Macon College.....*H. W. Dunkley*.

- VII. Farmville District**.....*J. H. RIDDICK*, P. E., 4
 128. Farmville.....*T. McN. Simpson*, 4
 129. Prince Edward.....*A. L. Franklin*, 2
 130. Prospect.....*Bascom Dey*, 3
 131. Charlotte.....*A. B. Sharpe*, 4
 132. West Buckingham.....*L. L. Banks*, 1
 133. Buckingham.....*W. E. Grant*, 3
 134. Cumberland.....*W. W. Sawyer*, 3
 135. Amelia.....*E. V. Carson*, 4
 136. Burkeville.....*R. S. Baughan*, 1
 137. Crewe Station.....*George H. McFaden*, 1
 138. Blackstone.....*R. A. Compton*, 2
 139. Lunenburg.....*John O. Moss*, 3
 140. West Lunenburg.....*P. H. Clements*, 2
 141. Mecklenburg.....*B. S. Herrink*, 3
 142. North Mecklenburg.....*R. H. Mullen*, 1
 143. South Hill.....*W. L. Murphy*, 1
 144. Boydton.....*J. B. Winn*, 1
 145. Chase City.....*W. W. Royall*, 3
 146. Clarksville.....*J. E. Oyler*, 1
 147. South of Dan.....*A. L. Carson*, 3
 148. Hyco.....*E. P. Parham*, 1
 President of Blackstone Female Institute.....*James Cannon, Jr.*
 Student in Vanderbilt University.....*J. E. McCulloch*.

- VIII. Petersburg District**.....*T. H. CAMPBELL*, P. E., 4
 149. Petersburg—Washington Street.....*George W. Wray*, 2
 150. Market Street.....*W. W. Lear*, 1
 151. High Street.....*E. T. Dadmun*, 2
 152. Wesley.....*W. G. Boggs*, 1
 153. Blandford.....*R. E. Barrett*, 4
 154. West Street.....*L. W. Guyer*, supply, 1
 155. Ettrick.....*G. F. Greene*, 1
 156. Matoaca.....*F. W. Proctor*, 2
 157. Dinwiddie.....*C. W. Turner*, 3
 158. East Dinwiddie.....*C. H. Green*, 3
 159. West Dinwiddie.....*W. P. Jordan*, 3
 160. Nottoway.....*J. R. Sturgis*, 2
 161. Prince George.....*R. H. Younger*, 1
 162. Wakefield.....*W. E. Allen*, 2
 163. Sussex.....*A. C. Berryman*, 1
 164. Greensville.....*M. A. Davidson*, 1
 165. South Brunswick.....*J. E. R. Riddick*, 1
 166. Brunswick.....*C. E. Hobday*, 2
 167. West Brunswick.....*J. B. DeBerry*, 2
 168. Surry.....*W. B. Moore*, 1
 Associate Editor *Richmond Christian Advocate*.....*H. M. Hope*.

IX. Portsmouth District	W. C. VADEN, P. E., 1
169. Portsmouth—Monumental.....	L. B. Betty, 4
170. West Norfolk.....	J. D. Langley, 1
171. Port Norfolk.....	J. Franklin Carey, 1
172. Central.....	R. F. Beadles, 1
173. Wright Memorial.....	R. B. Blankinship, 1
174. Owens Memorial.....	R. T. Waterfield, 3
175. Park View.....	W. R. Proctor, 4
176. Norfolk Circuit.....	R. B. Beadles, 3
177. Churchland.....	V. W. Bargamin, 2
178. Suffolk.....	W. T. Green, 2
179. East Suffolk and Magnolia.....	J. H. Kabler, 2
180. Windsor.....	J. A. Thomas, 3
181. Ebenezer.....	D. B. Austin, 2
182. Isle of Wight.....	C. C. Wertenbaker, 1
183. Smithfield.....	J. K. Jolliff, 2
184. Benn's.....	M. S. Colonna, 1
185. Newsom's.....	N. B. Foushee, 3
186. Southampton.....	G. H. McGhee, 1
187. Boykin's.....	T. O. Edwards, 1
188. Whaleyville and Somerton.....	F. G. Davis, 3
189. Hampton—First Church.....	J. T. Whitley, 3
190. West End.....	S. J. Battin, 1

X. Norfolk District	A. G. BROWN, P. E., 1
191. Norfolk—Cumberland Street.....	H. E. Johnson, 2
192. Epworth.....	W. J. Young, 4
193. Queen Street.....	S. C. Hatcher, 1
194. Centenary.....	W. H. Edwards, 3
195. McKendree.....	R. H. Bennett, 4
196. Lekies Memorial.....	W. T. Williams, 1
197. Trinity.....	Lloyd T. Williams, 2
198. Huntersville.....	Daniel T. Merritt, 1
199. Berkley—Chestnut Street.....	R. M. Chandler, 4
200. Liberty Street.....	Paul Bradley, 2
201. South Norfolk, C. E. Watts, 1, and one to be supplied ;	J. A. Proctor, supernumerary.
202. East Norfolk.....	W. R. Crowder, 1
203. Oaklette and Gilmerton.....	J. W. Baker, 3
204. Lambert's Point.....	G. H. Spooner, 2
205. Haygood and Lynnhaven.....	A. A. Jones, 3
206. Princess Anne.....	R. B. Scott, 1
207. South Princess Anne.....	J. W. Nicholson, 2
208. Fox Hill.....	James O. Moss, 1
Chaplain to Seamen's Bethel.....	J. B. Merritt.

XI. Eastern Shore District	WM. E. JUDKINS, P. E., 1
209. Capeville.....	J. L. Bray, 2
210. Cape Charles.....	George W. Jones, 2
211. Franktown.....	N. H. Robertson, 4
212. Belle Haven.....	A. A. Whitmore, 2
213. Keller.....	W. G. Bates, 1

214. Wachapreague.....	<i>G. E. B. Smith</i> , 4
215. Pungoteague.....	<i>W. H. Gregory</i> , 2
216. Onancock.....	<i>J. D. Hank</i> , 1
217. Onley.....	<i>J. R. Griffith</i> , 2
218. Atlantic.....	<i>Joseph E. Potts</i> , 1
219. Bloxom.....	<i>J. R. Gill</i> , 2
220. Chesapeake.....	<i>J. D. Hosier</i> , 1
221. Wicomico.....	<i>O. L. Martin</i> , 1
222. Salisbury.....	<i>R. H. Potts</i> , 3
223. Berlin.....	<i>J. E. White</i> , 1
224. Cambridge Station.....	<i>R. M. Maxey</i> , 2
225. Cambridge Circuit.....	<i>C. W. Cain</i> , 2
226. Dorchester.....	<i>J. T. Moore</i> , 1
227. South Dorchester.....	<i>J. E. Brooks</i> , 1

TRANSFERRED.—William E. Thompson to the Little Rock Conference, and stationed at First Church ; W. F. Tillett to the Tennessee Conference ; J. W. Moore to the Louisville Conference, and stationed at Fourth Avenue.

V.

MEMOIRS.

REV. L. S. REED.

BY T. M'N. SIMPSON.

REV. LEMUEL SUTTON REED was one of North Carolina's sterling sons, and one of nature's noblemen. To me, as to many, he was a father in Israel, and a friend indeed. Upon his knees, in the little country school of their neighborhood, my mother learned her A B C's; and, upon his counsel and support, I took my first steps in the itinerant ministry. He presided at the Quarterly Conference that licensed me to preach, and recommended me to the Annual Conference; he gave me work on his district, encouraged my discontinuance to pursue a course at Randolph-Macon College, received me again into his district, and continued to the hour of his death my faithful friend and affectionate adviser. Upon his new-made grave, I would place to-day the sweetest flower in the garden of my heart; and to his memory, I would give the tenderest tribute of my love.

Brother Reed was born in Durant's Neck, Perquimans county, N. C., May 5, 1819, and he died in Farmville, Prince Edward county, Va., December 18, 1897. Between those dates, embracing nearly four-score years, he fought the good fight of faith, and he kept the faith. His early years were largely spent in school work, first as a pupil, then as a teacher; but his advantages were limited to the facilities of his own and an adjoining county, and he never had the privilege of a college course. He was, however, a thoughtful observer and a careful student of men and books; and being naturally well endowed, mentally, morally and physically, he acquired a competent furnishing, and he showed himself a workman that needed not to be ashamed. Having been religiously trained by his parents, Thomas Walke and Elizabeth Reed, he publicly professed saving faith in Christ, August 13, 1838, at Oak Grove Church, in his native county, under the ministry of the Rev. Gervas M. Keesee, and joined, without delay, the Methodist Episcopal Church. On October 16, 1846, under the conviction of a Divine call to the work, he applied for and obtained license to preach from the Quarterly Conference of the Pasquotank Circuit, to which he had moved after his marriage in 1839; and in November, 1848, at the session of his Annual Conference, in Elizabeth City, N. C., he applied for admission, on trial, into the traveling connection; but being pale and thin from recent sickness, and being opposed by a leading member on the ground that he would soon be in his grave, and his dependent family a care upon the Church, he was rejected. Disappointed, but not disheartened, he accepted his defeat as a providential indication that his call was simply to the local ranks, and he set himself anew to the tasks of the school-room. His Presiding Elder, however, Rev. Thomas Crowder, dissatisfied with the unfavorable action of the Conference, advised a renewal of his application; and, being improved in health, he stood again at the door of his Conference in November, 1849, at Petersburg, Va., and

was admitted without a dissenting vote, his former opponent giving him his support, and continuing ever after his steadfast friend. In 1851, he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Andrew, and in 1853, an elder by Bishop Paine. Through fifty-one years he bore the title, and adorned the office of a Methodist preacher; and for more than forty of these, he went in and out among us an active, effective itinerant, observing the injunction: "Watch thou in all things; endure afflictions; do the work of an evangelist; make full proof of thy ministry." Every part of our territory has praise for him in its gates; and every kind of our regular work—missions, circuits, districts—bear witness to his faithful, practical hand. Currituck Mission, Gloucester, Princess Anne, Gates, N. C., Murfreesboro, N. C., Prince Edward (twice), Bedford, Nottoway, Brunswick, East Rockingham of the Baltimore Conference—where he spent the year 1870 to be near an aged relative—Amherst, Henrico, and Cumberland circuits, and Charlottesville, Murfreesboro, Norfolk, Danville, Farmville, and Petersburg districts, were the fields of his labors, the scenes of his toils and triumphs. Three times, he was elected by his brethren as a delegate, and once as an alternate, to the General Conference of his Church, and he represented them through the sessions of 1866, 1874, and 1878, and during a part of the session of 1886, when Dr. Bennett became too feeble to attend. He was married twice—first to Miss Pharaba White, of Pasquotank county, N. C., February —, 1839, then on December 11, 1866, to Mrs. Mary C. Kyle, of Harrisonburg, Va., who survives him. Both were helpmeets indeed, and blessed the heart and brightened the home to which they gave themselves. Six children live and "rise up to call him blessed"—Mrs. J. W. Blincoe, Ashland, Va.; Rev. J. C. Reed, Virginia Conference; Judge Christopher Reed, St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. Thomas Reed, Kansas; Dr. Walter Reed, Georgetown, D. C., and Mrs. D. T. Elam, Farmville, Va. (the only child by his second marriage, and the one at whose home he breathed his last). The domestic relations of Brother Reed were most charmingly tender and sweet. He was revered as the worthy head of his family, and enjoyed as the cordial companion of its members. His children were the pride and joy of his heart, and he was their friend and associate. Few men have succeeded better in commanding their households after them, and few have left more creditable representatives of their names. His home was ever the sphere of bright and happy fellowship, and the scene of generous and unaffected hospitality. His door never closed against "an angel unawares," and his beds and his board were never more enjoyed than when shared by his friends. His conversation was free and easy, and instructive. He never lowered the standard of true ministerial dignity; yet, he never restrained nor repressed "the feast of reason and the flow of soul." "His speech was always with grace, seasoned with salt." In the councils of his Church and the advisory boards of his community, he was esteemed for his strong common sense, and for his fine practical wisdom. He was gifted with unusual powers of penetration and discrimination, and his knowledge of men and measures was exceedingly accurate. Bishops availed themselves of his counsels, and young men sought and followed his advice.

In manner, Brother Reed was frank, candid, transparent. You knew where he stood on all important questions, and which side he espoused in all serious controversies. He made no concealments, practiced no diplomacy, but exercised himself to have a conscience void of offence. His convictions were always positive, and his methods straightforward; but his spirit was kind and considerate. He was a scion of English stock, and his build and his bearing were those of the sturdy Briton.

In the pulpit, he was grave, deliberate, impressive. His sermons gave evidence of patient study and careful preparation. He avoided all ostentation, and devoted

himself to a plain exposition of the Word, and a practical application of the truth. Souls were nourished by his ministry, consciences were quickened, sinners were saved, and saints built up in their most holy faith.

At the session of his Conference in Danville, Va., November, 1893, he felt that perhaps the time had come for him to lay down the work of a regular itinerant preacher, and to seek the relation of a superannuate. But he was reluctant to give up his "loved employ," and to enter a relation in which he had been restless in 1891; after consultation, however, with his son in the Conference, he asked to be retired, and he never had the privilege of assembling again with the brethren that he had loved so long and served with so faithfully. His Conference was to him as the apple of his eye. As the time for its annual session drew near, he would catch the spirit of its sacred reunions, as the war-horse sniffs the battle afar off, and he would plan and prepare to attend, with the enthusiasm of a school boy anticipating a return to his home. It was positively pathetic at times to see his strong, hopeful spirit attempt to assert itself over his weak and diseased body, and determine to drag its weary weight, at any cost, to the place of his brethren's assembling. But, as the date arrived, and he saw and felt that he could not go, he would meekly and uncomplainingly submit, and say: "Tell the brethren I would be with them if I could. My heart is with them, my prayers are for them, but I am too feeble to leave home." As the last session of our Conference approached, he charged me with a message of love to the brethren, and said: "You can say that though I am a great sufferer, I am happy in the love of God and in the sense of His favor." Often, as his paroxysms of pain would subside, he would quote: "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us;" and he would rest in hope. The walk that he had through the valley of the shadow of death was a long and weary one. Shortly after his superannuation, he began to break down in health, showing signs of serious heart disturbance. But his robust frame and vigorous constitution enabled him to keep at bay the last enemy through many months, and to take some part in the services of the Church at which he worshiped. He was the steadfast friend and hearty supporter of the pastor, and he never allowed his seat in the sanctuary to be vacant if he was able to fill it. Frequently, in feebleness extreme, he was at the place of prayer, and his means were as generously offered as himself for the kingdom and glory of Christ. A more liberal, regular and conscientious contributor to the Church, we had not among us, and no more fair and just and high-toned man. He was the very soul of honor, and his name was a synonym for integrity and uprightness, fair dealing and manly bearing. His word was as good as his bond. Soon after the close of our last Conference session, he began to decline very rapidly—more rapidly than some of us knew; but he was not unaware of his progress, and he carefully set his house in order, giving direction concerning the smallest details of his affairs; then calmly and confidently awaited the issue, knowing that his calling and election had been made sure, and "that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." On Friday, the day before his departure, he asked two or three times if he were not dying; being assured that he was not, he said the end was not far off; and on Saturday morning, December 18, 1897, as the morning light was breaking, and the dawn of a new day was driving back the darkness of the old night, his released spirit caught the wings of the morning of eternal day, and his shadowed eyes opened to the beauties and glories of a never-darkening world. All his children, except those in distant States, and all the members of his household, and his pastor, were with him, as he desired they should be.

when he left the circle of earthly friends and loved ones, to join the company of those who had gone before. On Monday afternoon, December 20, 1897, at the Methodist Church in Farmville, Va., the solemn service for the dead was conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. Jas. Cannon, Jr., R. F. Gayle, R. A. Compton, and William E. Grant, each of whom paid touching tribute to his memory, and all that was mortal of Rev. L. S. Reed was laid to rest in the quiet cemetery of the town.

"The pains of death are past, Labor and sorrow cease.
And life's long warfare closed at last, His soul is found in peace.
Soldier of Christ, well done, Praise be thy new employ,
And while eternal ages run, Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

REV. JACOB MANNING.

BY T. M'N. SIMPSON.

At ten minutes to ten o'clock Tuesday morning, February 15th, 1898, in the home of his son-in-law, Col. R. A. Booker, Farmville, Va., the pure and quiet spirit of REV. JACOB MANNING laid down its body and its charge, and entered into the rest that remains to the people of God.

The health of Brother Manning had been declining for some time. In November, '97, while visiting his daughters in Cambridge, Md., an attack of bronchitis seriously prostrated him, and threatened the termination of his life; but he recovered sufficiently to return to Farmville, Va., and gave promise, for a time, of renewing his strength, and of re-entering the circle of his friends; but fresh cold was taken, and this arrested his progress, disturbed his respiration, and gradually broke down his enfeebled constitution. He was not ignorant of his danger, nor unmindful of the issue confronting him; but he had committed his way unto the Lord, and he was willing that He should direct his strife. On more than one occasion he said to me: "It is all right. The will of the Lord be done. It is a pleasure to me to be with my children, and they want me to stay, but the Lord will do that which is best." His mind was stayed on God and he was kept in perfect peace. He walked through the valley of the shadow of death without fear. He never lost consciousness for any length of time, and he never exhibited impatience or distrust for a single moment. To the last, he was the same sweet, saintly brother that many of us had known and loved so long. It was a sacred privilege and honor to be with him in his last days and hours, and his exemplification in life and in death of the principles of our holy religion was an inspiring illustration of the excellence of the Gospel; and it lingers with us as a living light upon our path, and a cherished blessing upon our hearts. The final struggle was not without its signs of severe conflict, but the paroxysm was not long, and the failing eyes turned as if catching visions of approaching forms, and the departing spirit went trustfully to the God who gave it.

Brother Manning was born near the city of Baltimore, Md., January 14th, 1816. At an early age, he was bereft of his father, and left to the care of a dependent mother. Feeling the necessity of supporting himself, he went from home for employment, and, at 12 years of age, he realized that he was alone in the world, fatherless, and practically motherless. Overwhelmed by the sense of his desolation and dependence, he went to God and asked Him to be his Father. From that time, he accounted himself the child of God. He did not always walk worthy, he told me in speaking of it, but he never abandoned the position he then took, nor recalled the consecration he then made. At fifteen, he publicly professed his faith in Christ,

and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." While clerking in the city of Baltimore, he carried on a Sunday-school at the Maryland penitentiary, which was a great means of grace to him, and a valuable preparation for his subsequent life-work. His call to preach was heard early, and rang in his ears during this period of service as a layman, but his lack of early advantages, and his supposed want of proper qualifications and equipment, caused him to hesitate to respond. But seeing the blessing of God upon his labors in the conversion of a soul one afternoon as he talked to his Sunday-school, he determined to resist no longer, but to give himself to the ministry for whatever work he might be thought capable of serving. Understanding that the Baltimore Conference was crowded, and that the Virginia Conference was in need of more preachers, he decided to get his certificate of church membership, and letters of recommendation from three well known local preachers in Baltimore, and to start for Virginia, not knowing where or to whom he was going. On Saturday night, he reached Culpeper, and took lodgings at the hotel for the night and the next day. During the afternoon of the Sabbath, as he sat on the piazza of his boarding house, a rider with saddle-bags passed and stopped at a residence near by. He surmised that this was the circuit preacher, and decided that he would go over and call on him. Acting on his decision, he found himself in the presence of the Rev. W. H. Starr, father of our Dr. W. G. Starr, whom he ever after delighted to honor, and for whose kindnesses to him he never ceased to be grateful. The meeting was regarded by both parties as providential. The circuit needed additional service, and the young candidate was accepted as one sent of God. As the Quarterly Conference was to be held the following Saturday and Sunday, the young brother was invited to attend, deposit his certificate, and apply for license to preach; this opened the door of opportunity for which he was looking, and he promptly accepted. Before the Conference closed, the young stranger was Rev. Jacob Manning, junior preacher, Louisa circuit. At the ensuing session of the Annual Conference, in Edenton, N. C., February 20th, 1839, he was admitted on trial in the traveling connection, and entered formally upon his long and useful itinerant career. On January 17th, 1841, in Lynchburg, Va., he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Morris, and on November 20th, 1842, in Petersburg, Va., he was ordained an elder by Bishop Waugh. On November 7th, 1844, he was married, by Rev. Wm. B. Rowzie, to Miss Fannie Spooner, of Charlottesville, Va.; a young lady "whose rare endowments, intellectual, moral and spiritual, rendered her not only a charming companion, but also a most efficient helper in his great work." On July 5th, 1876, in Farmville, Va., where, nearly 22 years after, his own eyes closed in the sleep that knows no waking here, he closed her eyes in the hope of a glorious resurrection and a blessed reunion, and laid her body to rest beneath the shadow of the blue hills of her native city. In November, 1893, at the session of our Conference in Danville, Va., after 55 years of faithful and uninterrupted service in the itinerant ranks, he asked for and received a superannuated relation; and on February 17th, 1898, in the presence of friends and his three surviving children—Mrs. R. A. Booker, Farmville, Va., and Mrs. J. W. Waddell and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Cambridge, Md.,—the writer, assisted by Revs. J. C. Reed, W. E. Edwards, D. D., and J. S. Hunter, performed the last sad offices of the church for him at Charlottesville, Va., and placed his mortal remains in the keeping of mother earth till God shall bid them rise. Having passed, by a month, his 82d birthday, Brother Manning came "to his grave in a full age like as a shock of corn coming in in his season." His long career had brought his name to the second place on our Conference roll; his saintly character had brought it to the first in the esteem

of his brethren. No man was more generally loved by his brethren, and no man more generously loved them. "He was the St. John of the Conference, the beloved disciple, an Israelite indeed in whom there was no guile." Embodying the wisdom that is from above, he was "pure, peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy." "He was, perhaps, never heard to use a vain or murmuring word concerning himself, nor an unkind one concerning anybody else." He sought others' good. His name is as ointment poured forth, his character a fragrant compound of Christian virtues, his life a beautiful epistle, known and read of men. In personal appearance, he was below the average in height, but compactly built, and always cleanly shaven, and neatly attired. His face was as soft as a woman's, and his spirit as sweet and gentle as a child's. In all the relations that he sustained to others, he was faithful and true. He never betrayed the trust of man or God. Devoted, as a husband; affectionate, as a father; kind, as a friend, and exemplary, as a Christian, he adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour. All took knowledge of him that he had been with Jesus, and admired the beauty of his radiant holiness. In the pulpit, he was plain, practical, persuasive. He did not attempt any display, but tenderly called sinners to repentance, and affectionately urged believers to duty. His ministry was as a soft, sweet light that brightened the hearts and homes of men, and left an after-glow that gilds with glory the clouds above us, and crowns with God the hills beyond. During the nearly sixty years of his itinerant life, he served in every portion of our territory, and made proof of his ministry in every kind of work. Mountains and seaboard echoed with the sound of his voice, and missions, circuits, stations, districts, heard the glad tidings of salvation from his lips. The appointments received by him were as follows: 1839, Culpeper and Rappahannock circuit; 1840-1, Williamsburg and Hampton circuit; 1842, Farmville, 6 months, Charlottesville, 6 months; 1843, Farmville; 1844, R. M. College; 1845, R. M. circuit; 1846, Albemarle circuit; 1847, Trinity, Richmond; 1848, Centenary, Richmond; 1849, Trinity, Richmond; 1850, Louisa circuit; 1851, Portsmouth, Dinwiddie circuit; 1852-3, Richmond district; 1854-7, Charlottesville district; 1858, Alexandria station; 1859-60, Court Street, Lynchburg; 1861-2, Amherst circuit; 1863, Cumberland circuit; 1864-5, Prince Edward circuit; 1866, agent Sunday-School Society; 1867, Sidney and Oregon, Richmond; 1868, South Bedford circuit; 1869, Rappahannock district; 1870-3, Charlottesville district; 1874, Amherst circuit; 1875-6, Farmville station; 1877-8, Eastern Shore district; 1879-82, Smithfield and Benns circuit; 1883-6, Ettrick station; 1887, Asbury, Norfolk; 1888-91, Madison; 1892, Cleveland Avenue, Lynchburg; 1893, Trinity, Lynchburg; 1894-8, superannuated.

Our eyes can follow him no further. He rests from his labors and his spirit has gone to join the general assembly and church of the first born. He walked with God, and God has taken him. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

REV. GEORGE C. VANDERSLICE, D. D.

BY JOHN J. LAFFERTY.

The REV. GEORGE C. VANDERSLICE, D. D., died after an illness of less than a month in Richmond, Va., at quarter past six on the evening of March 18th, 1898, in the parsonage of Union Station, of which he was pastor. The malady that ended his life was pneumonia, reinforced by meningitis. The funeral rites were held in his church. The Rev. Drs. Brown, Whitehead and Lafferty conducted the services, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Garlick, of the Baptist Church, and made addresses. The

throng of worshipers was beyond the capacity of the combined auditorium and Sunday-school room. Costly tributes of flowers surrounded the casket, over which a Confederate flag was folded, in token of his connection, as an officer, with the Southern army. The music melted the hearts of the hearers.

The honored ashes of Dr. Vanderslice were committed to the earth in Suffolk, Va. His brethren of the Methodist ministry of Richmond, with the pastor of Venable Street Baptist church, the rector of St. John's church, and the elders and the young men of his Israel, bore the precious dust through Richmond.

At Suffolk, church officers received the mute image of the "earthly," and Bishop Granbery, assisted by Dr. Garland, said the sad but glorious words for the dead. As the casket touched its couch of clay, a victorious pean arose triumphant over the dull echo of the falling clods. And so they buried George Curtis Vanderslice.

Within the sacred precincts where God's honor dwelleth, and where His ambassador was wont to deliver his message, has been set in the walls of this Zion a chiseled work of art, upon whose polished tablet are cut in marble letters between a carved cross and crown the dates of his cradle and his grave, unveiled a while ago so fittingly by the hand of a daughter of that church. The comrades of his Conference in that city at that time gave loving estimate of his virtues. And they also gathered their people in a chief church of Richmond, and made known the expression of their loss and sorrow in touching eloquence. In the meanwhile, Official Boards, Societies, and the City League, uttered their sense of his worth. From Bishop Duncan, a Conference classmate, and from brethren beyond our bounds, went out to the Church, through the Conference organ, opinion of his value and their bereavement.

The Brotherhood of the Virginia Conference has been a blessing. This goes without argument. Kindred organizations have run for a while and collapsed. Our Society gains in favor as it grows in age. Brother Vanderslice was chosen its first Secretary and Treasurer. He served the organization for twenty years, and died its Secretary and Treasurer. I may not say that the Brotherhood would have perished without his attention and zeal. I will say that the Conference is deeply a debtor to this tireless and undaunted officer. He was its chief mason and chief champion. He challenged every enemy to a gauge of argument, cheering the timid, leading the van. The work was irksome, swarming with petty details, consuming time and patience. He never received a nickel during the twenty years.

He had heavy pastorates, taxing every minute and every nerve, yet this task was discharged with such a system, fidelity and cheery good will that one would have thought him a trained accountant and a person of leisure.

It is the petty act that discloses character. A drop of water can mirror a planet. How did Vanderslice behave with the bag of the Brotherhood? The little pouch with the pennies revealed the Iscariot. Vanderslice gave care and time to the gifts and their distribution. Did he hint that he ought to halt this charity on its journey of mercy to widow and fatherless, and take a toll for his service? It would not have been safe to have suggested that he should receive compensation for this labor of love. He would have kicked the motion, if not the mover, down the steps. I have paused in the memoir to let this view of the man develop itself on the plate of the camera. We see a busy pastor resisting the brain fatigue of midnight toil so as to save to the orphan and its mother every coin by doing the book-keeping himself. Noble George Vanderslice!

The parents of Dr. Vanderslice, Samuel and Emily T., were residing in Richmond, Va., when he was born, July 30th, 1836. And it so turned out that in Richmond and the city, its neighbor, across the James river, were the scenes of his

most successful labors. His birthplace and his deathbed were in the capital of his native Commonwealth.

He was converted at "Old Trinity," adjoining the Exchange Hotel on Franklin street, Richmond, Va., under the ministry of the late Rev. E. P. Wilson, March 6th, 1856. He resisted, for some years, the divine summons to the pulpit. He was licensed in Lexington, Va., March 7th, 1859, as a local preacher, and sent by his Elder as assistant to the Rev. W. C. Blunt, on Bedford Circuit. In November of that year, he joined the Virginia Conference and served as junior the church in Amherst. Rappahannock was his next charge in 1860, a successful pastorate. He entered the Confederate army as captain when war began. He returned to the itinerancy in 1862 as pastor of Elk Run, in the Valley of Virginia. He served Batesville, Scottsville, Charles City Circuits; then Sidney in Richmond, Manchester, Mathews Circuit, Centenary in Lynchburg, High Street in Petersburg, Suffolk, and, lastly, Union Station, Richmond, where he finished his course.

The Washington and Lee University honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He held high position in a number of benevolent organizations. He was an eminent Mason, of a ranking degree, and a delegate to great National Congresses.

In 1862, he married Miss Pettit, of Amherst. His balanced judgment and best discretion were shown in this choice. She possessed in unusual degree the elements needed for a pastor's help-meet. She survives him to lament her loss and ours. The children of this happy marriage, endowed by the fine qualities of the parents, are giving evidence of honorable careers of choice citizenship. The elder ones have passed the threshold of success and proved their powers for achieving distinction.

Dr. Vanderslice had the sturdy fibre of stalwart manhood—brawn in body and in brain. There was fixed purpose and force in his make-up. He was stout, standing firm on his feet, full four-square, like a bastion, facing all quarters of the earth. His strong, almost rugged face, certified the resolute soul. He had the look of a man with convictions, and the courage to contest for them, but he was the distance of the poles from the attitude of a bully for God or a religious rowdy. He was a warrior with the instinct of a knight. His career had nothing of the corsair. He delivered himself with a clarified conscience and from a turret of orthodox truth and sanctified grit. His own aggressive course was an inspiration to his comrades. He was in himself a reserve corps to rally on when a church staggered and shrunk back from obstacles. He did not stand agaze at difficulties. He brought things to pass. No interest of the Church languished. New edifices were erected. Old churches became new. As was fitly said over his bier: "He was useful." When a crisis called for a Man, Vanderslice was thought of. He was associated with emergency. He never seemed wanting in resources. Great trusts were committed to him. He died pastor of our largest membership. He had the twin endowment of a genius for affairs and spiritual power. He was both a model pastor and an evangelist, a master of assemblies. He brought much people to the Lord: at one revival, over one hundred and forty; on one charge, four hundred and sixty-six. He consulted God often, and the signs of an apostle were wrought in him. A divine energy came upon him.

He was sincere almost to brusqueness, dreading the appearance of hypocrisy. It is doubtful if he could have been all things to all men, even with the purpose to win some. He was not a diplomat. He spoke his mind plainly, but never in vulgar grossness. If he disdained a deed, the offender would first hear of his aversion from Dr. Vanderslice himself—so candid and direct.

He did not take out a caveat for superior virtue. He was too honest in the inward parts to posture. He was cheerful, never with such an abandon of mirth as to lose sea way on his soul. He rested the machinery by slowing down, but still turning the screws to prevent drifting, injecting a grave remark amid humor. The high purpose of his life was always kept on its course.

As a preacher, he wasted no time in polishing periods on pumice stones. He never practiced the arts of gesture, voice and attitude. He was a college man, but valued no learning that did not furnish ammunition for sermons, and for sermons that saved souls. If he feathered an arrow, it was for flight and accuracy not for ornament. He aimed at results. He shunned the light archery of rhetoric and declamation, rather reasoning of righteousness. He moved upon the enemy with cross-bow and battle-axe. He delighted to see the host of the Lord in war harness. He loved the old martial music of Methodism, for he doubted if Satan could be sung out of sinners by sopranos.

Our brother put himself near to the divine dynamics—the powers of the world to come. He stood within the electric field of that viewless influence. Men took note that he had been with Jesus. It gave him an eloquence not of man's wisdom or art, but a power that dominated audiences and awed the army of the alien.

His career was a public blessing. From every acre he brought sheaves. The Church and Commonwealth are his debtors. He was a distinct source of gain in godliness. Earth inherits of him. If disciples shall shine as stars in the turban of apostolic men, whose coronet will have a cincture of sparkling glories superior to his crown of rejoicing?

JAMES LEAKE SPENCER.

BY S. S. LAMBETH.

JAMES LEAKE SPENCER was born in Cumberland County, Virginia, June 14th, 1826. He had the unspeakable blessing of being reared in a Christian home, for both of his parents were devout members of the Presbyterian Church. When six months old, he was consecrated to God by holy baptism. During his childhood and early youth, he was frequently taught the significance of that sacred rite, urged to assume its obligations, and by faith and open confession to embrace Christ as his personal Saviour. These exhortations and godly instructions were not in vain. At a quarterly meeting held in 1841 by Revs. John Early and Martin A. Dunn, he made a profession of religion. After consultation with his parents, and with their full consent, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. At that time he felt a distinct call to the ministry; but thinking it presumptuous for him to entertain such views, he hushed the voice of the Holy Ghost. A year or more after this, owing to some real or imaginary unkindness received from a local preacher, he withdrew from the Church. For some years he walked in darkness and in sorrow, and while never grossly immoral from a wordly standpoint, he yet felt that he was a sinner exposed to Divine wrath.

In 1845-46, during this period of spiritual declension, our brother attended medical lectures at the University of Virginia. In 1846-47, he continued his professional course at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating there as Doctor of Medicine in March, 1847. He returned at once to Virginia, and locating at the place of his birth, began the practice of his profession among the people with whom his father, who had also been a physician, lived and died.

In August, 1848, during a Baptist Association held near his mother's home, Dr.

Spencer was reclaimed from his backslidden condition. From that hour to his death, he walked with God, cherishing a high ideal of Christian life and experience. The beautiful symmetry of his character was not distorted by any false and foolish theories of religion, nor warped by any marked inconsistencies of conduct. The life that he lived in the flesh was by the faith of the Son of God, and he therefore left the footprints of his piety on the path of his pilgrimage.

In 1848, before he entered the itinerant ministry, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Ford, a Methodist lady of unfeigned piety, to whom he was most tenderly attached. In January, 1850, this happy marriage was dissolved by her death. Through this heavy affliction, God awoke him to a duty he had not yet assumed, and called him to take up a cross from which he had hitherto shrunk. For months he vainly struggled against this call. Its tones became louder and more imperative. At length, he yielded, and after much prayer and earnest thought, and consultation with his pious and intelligent mother, he determined to make the ministry of the Gospel his vocation in life. Selling his farm, and forsaking a profession that was bright with promise of success and usefulness, in November, 1850, he entered the Virginia Annual Conference as a probationer. His first appointment was Nottoway Circuit, then Edenton, then Chaplain to Randolph-Macon College. In 1855-56, he was in Elizabeth City, N. C. In 1855, he married Miss Martha A. Fitzgerald, who became the mother of his only child—Mr. J. F. Spencer, now one of the most prominent and useful members of our Church in Bedford City. In 1857-58, Dr. Spencer was appointed to the Lunenburg Circuit.

From 1858 to 1872, he was not on the effective list. The death of an only brother, the charge of an aged mother, his own failure in health, and secular duties that were providentially thrust upon him, all combined to make him rest for awhile from his loved employ. As soon as God removed these hindrances and opened his way, he again entered upon active work in the Conference. In 1872, he was sent to Caroline Circuit, and was afterwards successively pastor of Hampton, Eastville, Bedford, Wesley Chapel, Petersburg, Asbury, Norfolk, Fox Hill, Bedford Spring, and of one or two other appointments which we cannot now recall. His last pastoral charge was Burkeville, where he died.

Our brother lost his second wife by death in 1891, and married a third wife in 1893, Miss M. Fannie Fitzgerald, who survives to mourn with us his loss.

As a minister, Dr. Spencer was faithful. He was a good preacher—clear, scriptural, spiritual, earnest and pointed. Like Moses, he communed with God on the mount, and received his message from the Divine lips; and when he came down to minister to his people, his speech was with love and authority. His ministerial robes were never soiled by undue love of the world, or improper contact with worldly things. He denounced in unsparing terms whatever he deemed false in doctrine or sinful in conduct, yet all who heard him admired the fearless honesty, the unaffected earnestness, the absolute sincerity of the speaker. The very eye of prejudice, looking through its lens of highest power, must needs have seen that any severity in his language was born in a loving heart and prompted by an honest zeal for truth, as he saw the truth, and not by the least personal bitterness. His love for the sinner more than equalled his hatred of the sin. In labors he was abundant. He sowed seed diligently beside all waters, and fruits of his ministry were not lacking. He wears no starless crown.

In speaking of him simply as a man, unstinted praise could scarcely be called extravagant eulogy. He was of a most generous and unselfish disposition—cultured, refined, dignified, yet always genial and attractive. His heart was pure, his

language chaste, his life clean. A loving son, a devoted husband, a tender father, a sincere friend, he lived and died most loved and honored where he was best known. His courtesy was unfailing. To high and low, alike and equally, he was the finest type of the polite Virginia gentleman—in speech and manner adorning every circle of society in which he moved.

In justice to his memory and to the truth, we cannot close this sketch of our venerable and beloved brother's career without brief reference to his labors in the temperance reformation. They make many bright leaves in the volume of his earthly existence, and among them all there is no single page that he would blush to have the angels read. In this great contest, he stood abreast with those who held the most advanced position. He made no concealment of his views, and offered no weak apologies for his righteous course. He was no crank nor fanatic on this question; but, true to his vows as a Methodist preacher, he was the avowed foe of all forms of intemperance, and struck his sturdy blows wherever he found this great adversary intrenched. He believed, as his Church teaches, that the manufacture, sale or use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, was a sin against God and a curse to humanity; therefore, he held and taught that total abstinence was a high Christian duty. On this question he made no compromise with the devil.

For the past eighteen months Dr. Spencer was in very feeble health, but he continued to work as his strength permitted. At times his sufferings were intense, but in their greatest severity he was patient, uncomplaining, submissive. He awaited the call of his Master calmly and without fear. At last he reached the end. His work was all done and well done. Full of peace, full of sweet trust in Him whose he was and whom he had so long served; looking down a way lighted by the bright torch of Christian hope, on the 20th of April, 1898, he heard the welcome Voice saying, "It is enough, come up higher!" Then, laying aside forever his well-worn implements of toil, at his Lord's bidding he entered into the rest that remaineth to the people of God.

May our last end be like his!

JOSEPH JOHN EDWARDS.

BY WM. E. EDWARDS.

Among those of our Conference who this year have passed away, falling on sleep, is JOSEPH JOHN EDWARDS—a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and whose memory is without spot or stain. He was born in Surry county, Virginia, December 28, 1826. The surroundings of his childhood and of his youth were every way desirable. The parents were of good English stock, and commanded wealth, and moved in the first social position. His father was, for many years, the High Sheriff of his county, and was esteemed for his strict integrity, and his splendid abilities, his legal knowledge, and his scholastic attainments. More than this, and richer truth than this, he was an earnest and devoted Christian and a Methodist local preacher when Methodist local preachers did valiant service for God. His mother was the daughter of Captain Sylvanus Bell, of Sussex county, Virginia; and in addition to the refining influences of a sweet and cultured home, was favored with the best educational advantages of her day. In early womanhood she consecrated her heart to God and promptly united with the Church and walked daily as in her great Taskmaster's sight.

Young Edwards received a good elementary education in the schools of his neighborhood, and when about eighteen or nineteen years of age, entered William and

Mary College as a student, and attained to distinction in a class that embraced in its number men who afterward won positions of honor and of responsibility in the State. Determining to make the law his life work, he left College prior to graduation, and repaired to Richmond and entered the law school of the Hon. Mr. Maxwell. After completing the course of study here prescribed, he located in Norfolk in 1849, and commenced the practice of his profession—making a specialty of criminal law, to which he was adapted by a sympathetic temperament, and in which a fine future seemingly opened before him. It is worthy of notice, and significant of the high grade of scholarship which young Edwards attained while a student of William and Mary College that while he did not remain to the close of his senior year, nevertheless the authorities of the college authorized his name to be enrolled on the catalogue with the A. M. graduates of his class.

In September of the year 1849, he was soundly converted to God under the ministry of Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., then pastor of Cumberland Street Church, in our adjoining city. There was a mighty revolution in his heart and life. The world lost its attraction. A sincere love for the Church absorbed him. Soon the Holy Ghost moved him to preach the Gospel; and in the fall of 1850, duly recommended for admission into the Virginia Annual Conference, he was received on trial into the traveling connection, and for the space of thirty-six consecutive years continued in the active work of the ministry. His first appointment was Gosport, now Wright Memorial, Portsmouth; his last was Goochland. At the close of this service in Goochland, 1886, owing to increasing infirmity, he was granted a superannuated relation. For a while he preached, here and there, as opportunity was presented. Then with the roll of the months there gradually developed a positive loss of memory and wreck of health. Life became a burden, and on the 20th of April of the present year, he gently breathed his last at the home of his son, Mr. J. Travis Edwards, of Berkley, Va. The funeral services were conducted on the following Friday afternoon by the Rev. R. M. Chandler, assisted by other ministers of our Church, and the remains were laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, by the side of those whose graves he had watered with his tears.

Of this ministry, three years were spent in the Baltimore Conference, and a portion of one year was spent as Chaplain in the Confederate States army. It seems that the territory to which he was appointed by the Bishop in the earlier part of the Civil War, having fallen into the hands of the enemy, he raised several companies of soldiers for the Confederacy and offered himself to the Government as a Chaplain. His services were accepted, and he was promptly assigned to duty. Soon for gallant conduct he was commissioned as a Major, and afterward was promoted to the office of Lieutenant-Colonel. He never, however, forgot that he was a minister of Jesus Christ. He sought continually the spiritual good of his men, and at the close of the year he resigned his commission and returned to receive his appointment from the Conference as aforetime.

Brother Edwards was a thoroughly consecrated man. He had no doubts or misgivings as to his acceptance with God. He was much in prayer. He sympathized with the sorrowing and was always ready to relieve the necessitous. He set a high mark for himself, and yet was exceedingly considerate in his judgments of others. Men believed in him. For him to live was Christ; to die was gain.

He was as artless and unsuspecting as a child. Besides, he was painfully distrustful of himself, and as modest and retiring as he was distrustful. He never thrust his claims upon private or public attention. He never knew his own abilities. None but those who heard him regularly in the pulpit, and who were admitted into the inner circle of his friendship, understood his real worth. Let us

say it, this diffidence was the chief defect in his life and a manifest hinderance to his largest usefulness.

He possessed an exquisite taste. He admired the beautiful. He loved nature. He loved art. He loved poetry and eloquence. He gazed fondly upon a landscape. He paused in wonder before a painting or a piece of statuary. He was thrilled by the grace of the orator. He was familiar with the choice productions of the great writers, and delighted, when in his happiest moods, to talk of them, and was never more pleased than when he found in a hearer a responsive and sympathetic nature.

As a preacher, he was endowed with high qualifications. He realized the awful responsibility of his calling. He paid careful attention to his preparation for the pulpit. There was method and thought, and often a profusion of ornament, in his sermons. He was impassioned in his utterance, and, when absorbed in his subject, produced a profound impression upon his audience. As might be expected from the man and from his style of preaching, he was a great revivalist. Everywhere he was successful in bringing souls to Christ, and at times a marvellous spiritual power attended his ministry—never, however, to the inflation of his vanity, but always to the deepening of his humility and to the increase of his sense of dependence upon God. During his pastorate in Gosport, he conducted a revival that lasted from May till October—resulting in the conversion of several hundred souls. And in other charges, something of the same character was often witnessed. He honored God, and God honored his work.

His love for his Conference and his brethren, was sincere and abiding. He knew no animosities. He could cherish no piques. There is not one of our number that he did not speak of tenderly and affectionately.

His death was beautiful. The heavy weight that had rested upon his mind was lifted, and his memory was restored. It was like the clear shining of the sun through breaking clouds at the close of day. Old hymns, long locked up in the darkened chambers of the brain, found again sweet and joyous expression. He was often heard singing—

“ Oh ! How sweet it will be
In that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain ;
With crowns on our heads
And with harps in our hands,
To meet one another again.”

The day before he died, he said : “ God is so good ” ; and his last moments were as the going out of the light. He has met his comrades who have passed on before. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

This sketch would be incomplete without another reference. On the first day of May, 1849, he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Georgetta Esher, of Norfolk, Va. It was a happy union. The husband doted upon the wife. The wife was thoughtful and considerate of the husband. Seven children were born of this wedlock. Two alone survive—one engaged in business in Norfolk, the other an honored member of this Conference. The wife preceded the husband by more than two years to the spirit land. At the unveiling of the mysteries of life, how much of the godly training of children and of the success that attended the labors of the husband, will be found, under God, to the honor and the glory of the quiet and unobtrusive ministry of Louisa Georgetta Edwards.

REV. DAVID M. WALLACE.

BY JOHN J. LAFFERTY.

The REV. DAVID M. WALLACE, for forty-five years a member of this body, fell on sleep, as a weary reaper at eventide, with his sheaves around him, on the 8th of April, 1898. He was the son of D. M. and M. E. Wallace, born in Leesburg, Loudoun county, Virginia. His parents moved with him to Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he was left an orphan at an early age.

His earliest religious convictions were received through Rev. C. K. Marshall, D. D., of Vicksburg, and matured in conversion in Leesburg, under the preaching of Rev. James A. Duncan and in the pastorate of Rev. D. P. Wills. He immediately sought to prepare himself for the work of the ministry, to which he felt called; but, having delicate sensibilities, he fell into doubt as to his call to preach, and gave himself to prayer for more light. God gave him more than a hundred seals to his ministry before he joined the Conference in 1853. His first circuit was Lunenburg. He found kind friends, and saw the fruits of his work. Then to Mecklenburg, as junior, with Rev. J. McMullan. There was a golden harvest of two hundred souls. In 1855, Rock Creek and Howard was his appointment—there was increase; in 1856, to Prince William Circuit—many converts; in 1857, Wesley Chapel, in Petersburg—an extensive revival.

Mr. Wallace was married in 1858 to Miss Sallie A., daughter of Rev. J. D. Rowlett, of Chesterfield county, Virginia, by Rev. Robert Michaels. She made him a true and faithful wife, sharing in his toils.

In 1858, he was sent to Manchester, Virginia—souls converted and church debts paid; in 1859, to South of Dan—very large revivals, several hundred conversions during the two years' pastorate. In 1862, he taught school while waiting the cure of a lung damaged while preaching. In the autumn, he resumed regular work, and received Halifax as his charge, with many seals to his ministry. In 1865, Pittsylvania Circuit—a successful year; in 1869, Boydton—continued success in saving souls, besides building a six-thousand-dollar church and receiving many tokens of love. Boydton became a station. In 1872, Brunswick Circuit—wide and large revivals; suffered much from illness and lost two children. In 1875, Sussex—disease and death desolated his family and ruined his constitution, but he worked on, and God honored his ministry with many converts. In 1876-'80, Henrico Circuit—his wife and himself afflicted, yet converts; amid the great trouble, God delivered him. In 1880-'83, Dinwiddie Circuit—went in tears, but "reaped in joy"; great success; made it a first-class circuit, built nice parsonage, many souls converted, and unrivalled financial success; made many dear friends; lost the wife of his youth, a noble woman and true helpmeet. She left him with two small children and great trouble. The Lord directed, and he married Miss M. Fannie Bass, a sensible, lovely, consecrated woman—the friend of his former wife. It was a happy choice.

In 1883, he went to Scottsville Circuit; a reward of many souls for heavy work. In 1884, Atlantic Circuit; souls converted and debt on parsonage paid. In 1886, Norfolk Circuit; found it prostrate, yet brought better times—built and furnished nice parsonage and a very fine church, and raised in finances an average of thirteen dollars per member. Never were more demonstrations of sorrow made on the departure of a pastor. In 1888, South Brunswick Circuit. This was the field of his early conquest. Some of his converts greet him, after thirty-three

years, but the majority have crossed the flood. He enjoyed a new parsonage, a superior circuit, and many friends, old and new.

In 1890, he superannuated, and died in that relation. During this period he was tortured by disease, yet he taught a large Bible class and superintended the Sunday-school. As long as his feeble frame could sustain the fatigue, he preached and assisted in revivals. When confined to the couch, he wrote sermons. And so he wore out his life in the good cause.

The last six weeks were a long agony. The spirit seemed expelled from the casement of clay, inch by inch at the point of acute pain. On the 8th of April, 1898, he ceased to labor and to live. His pastor, the Rev. C. W. Turner, gave him Christian burial. He awaits the bugle that shall summon the blessed in the grounds near the parsonage of Dinwiddie Circuit, where he died. He leaves five children.

Brother Wallace was of small statue, but compact, symmetrical, elegant. His face showed refinement and intellect. He was a student of best Methodist works. His sermons were strong, well knit and vascular. They compelled respect for their intrinsic worth, and drove home the great truths of the Gospel by the propulsion of native force. Mr. Wallace was equipped on the controverted differences in Church doctrine, and could bring out with weighty thoughts the reasons for the faith that was in him. His pulpit manner was graceful, easy and impressive, and he was always neat in person and dress. He held himself to the high behavior of a Christian gentleman; his conversation became the Gospel.

His ministry brought into the Conference two preachers. He had the confidence of his brethren, and was honored for his zeal and loved for many fine qualities. This is a mere outline of a career measuring beyond a third of a century and full of noble deeds. He inherited an ambition and aptness for Church work, for his father, an intelligent and zealous Methodist, was the Sunday-school teacher of one and the class-leader of another eminent minister.

When it is borne in mind that he was for decades a victim of exhausting disease, and that much of his vitality was consumed in mastering pain and repelling the raids of maladies, we can understand the fortitude and force of the man. Had he been a person of robust frame and free from disabling ills, his achievements would have ranked with the works of great evangelists. He must quell a riot or suppress an insurrection in the citadel before he could take the field against the public foe. And he kept death at bay, and won laurels. He was a domestic hero. Greater is he who, like Hercules, slays the serpent that lurks around his cradle and then advances upon the Nemean Lion, than he who inherits health, hopes and happiness, and so makes life a pleasant pastime. Life takes value from the scalps at the belt, not from the perfumed gloves given by fair hands at masquerades in glittering palaces. Read the long lists of converts registered by the recording angel to the honor of that little withered old man, gnawed to the marrow by the excruciating tooth of disease, and who can deny him the rewards of apostolic labors? Men who can chloroform, by intense passion for souls, the keen hurt of "the thorn in the flesh" are worthy to see the third heaven and hear the dialects of unspeakable wonders. The tiny crumb of clay is fast returning to its kindred dust in the old shire of Dinwiddie, but the deathless spirit once in this earthen vessel is robed in a garment like unto His own glorious body. And so he is ever with his Lord.

VI.

DECEASED MINISTERS

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[*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.—Psalms CXVI.*]

No.	Name.	Year of Death.	No.	Name.	Year of Death.
1.	Richard Owings.....	1786	40.	Wm. S. Peyton.....	1830
2.	Elijah Ellis.....	1788	41.	Melville B. Cox.....	1833
3.	John Tunnell.....	1790	42.	Edward Cannon.....	1833
4.	John Sproul.....	1793	43.	Wm. McClunn.....	1833
5.	John Wynn.....	1794	44.	Geo. M. Anderson.....	1833
6.	John Ahair.....	1795	45.	Stephen D. Winburne.....	1833
7.	Stephen Davis.....	1795	46.	John J. Carter.....	1833
8.	Richard Ivey.....	1796	47.	Wilson Barclift.....	1833
9.	Wm. Wilkinson.....	1798	48.	Stith Mead.....	1834
10.	William Early.....	1799	49.	Jonathan Williams.....	1834
11.	James Tolleson.....	1800	50.	Rowland G. Bass.....	1838
12.	Salathiel Weeks.....	1800	51.	Robert C. Jones.....	1838
13.	Wm. Ormond.....	1803	52.	George Mahood.....	1839
14.	Nathan Jarrett.....	1803	53.	Simeon Norman.....	1839
15.	Edmond Henley.....	1809	54.	Henning W. Kelley.....	1839
16.	Nathan Weeden.....	1811	55.	John Lattimore.....	1840
17.	Isaac Brown.....	1812	56.	Daniel Hall.....	1841
18.	Leroy Merritt.....	1813	57.	Caleb Leach.....	1842
19.	Ewen Johnson.....	1816	58.	George W. Blain.....	1843
20.	Samuel Waggener.....	1816	59.	George W. Kelsoe.....	1843
21.	Peter Wyatt.....	1816	60.	Charles P. Norman.....	1843
22.	Fletcher Harris.....	1818	61.	Benjamin B. Miles.....	1843
23.	John T. Brame.....	1819	62.	W. T. Norfolk.....	1845
24.	George Burnett.....	1819	63.	Joshua Leigh.....	1845
25.	Archibald Robertson.....	1820	64.	Joseph A. Brown.....	1846
26.	Peyton Anderson.....	1823	65.	Isaac A. Willis.....	1846
27.	Enoch Johnson.....	1823	66.	W. L. Blanton.....	1846
28.	James Avis.....	1824	67.	G. M. Keese.....	1847
29.	Samuel Cushen.....	1824	68.	J. C. Ballew.....	1848
30.	Samuel Hunter.....	1825	69.	Wm. E. Lee.....	1848
31.	Christopher S. Mooring.....	1825	70.	J. L. Knight.....	1848
32.	Philip Bruce.....	1826	71.	Abram Penn.....	1849
33.	Thos. Howard.....	1827	72.	Joseph Pinnell.....	1849
34.	Samuel Garrard.....	1828	73.	E. C. Murrill.....	1850
35.	Henry Holmes.....	1829	74.	J. W. Childs.....	1850
36.	Christopher Thomas.....	1829	75.	Geo. A. Bain.....	1850
37.	John Pannabaker.....	1829	76.	Wesley H. Rohr.....	1850
38.	W. H. Abington.....	1829	77.	Daniel Wood.....	1851
39.	Thomas Mann.....	1830	78.	James P. Owen.....	1852

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79.	Martin A. Dunn.....	1852	142.	G. W. Langhorne.....	1876
80.	Thomas Crowder.....	1852	143.	Benj. Devany.....	1876
81.	Geo. W. Andrews.....	1854	144.	Alexander Doniphan.....	1877
82.	Ballard E. Gibson.....	1855	145.	D. F. Hodges.....	1877
83.	Anthony Dibbrell.....	1855	146.	J. A. Duncan.....	1877
84.	Vernon Eskridge.....	1855	147.	Lloyd Moore.....	1877
85.	Stephen W. Jones.....	1855	148.	J. W. White.....	1879
86.	Samuel S. Eskridge.....	1855	149.	J. H. Davis.....	1879
87.	Francis S. Mitchell.....	1856	150.	John Bayley.....	1880
88.	Lewis Skidmore.....	1857	151.	James Jamieson.....	1880
89.	John W. Williams.....	1857	152.	Wm. J. Norfleet.....	1881
90.	T. C. Hayes.....	1858	153.	B. T. Ames.....	1881
91.	William Reid.....	1859	154.	L. M. Lee.....	1882
92.	Wm. G. Dulin.....	1860	155.	Thos. Diggs.....	1882
93.	Thos. H. Jones.....	1860	156.	J. L. Fisher.....	1882
94.	H. W. Bellman.....	1860	157.	Robert Michaels.....	1883
95.	J. H. Watson.....	1860	158.	B. C. Spiller.....	1883
96.	W. P. Twyman.....	1860	159.	G. W. Nolley.....	1883
97.	J. W. Payne.....	1861	160.	Wm. Carter.....	1885
98.	Wm. H. Ward.....	1861	161.	G. M. Wright.....	1885
99.	R. T. Nixon.....	1861	162.	J. N. Jones.....	1885
100.	J. S. Rees.....	1862	163.	H. H. Gary.....	1885
101.	H. S. Atmore.....	1862	164.	J. C. Garlick.....	1886
102.	Samuel Robertson.....	1862	165.	F. A. Davis.....	1886
103.	Frank Stanley.....	1862	166.	E. H. Pritchett.....	1886
104.	G. W. Charleton.....	1863	167.	B. M. Williams.....	1886
105.	T. Y. Cash.....	1865	168.	J. D. Lumsden.....	1887
106.	John Kerr.....	1865	169.	T. H. White.....	1887
107.	G. W. S. Harper.....	1865	170.	J. W. Howard.....	1887
108.	W. C. Blount.....	1866	171.	R. A. Gregory.....	1887
109.	W. L. Dalby.....	1866	172.	W. W. Bennett.....	1887
110.	B. B. Shelton.....	1866	173.	J. D. Blackwell.....	1887
111.	A. R. Bernard.....	1866	174.	T. A. Ware.....	1887
112.	Robert Scott.....	1866	175.	E. N. S. Blogg.....	1887
113.	J. W. Wonnycott.....	1866	176.	P. F. August.....	1887
114.	A. J. Beckwith.....	1866	177.	Sam'l T. Moorman.....	1887
115.	J. D. Coulling.....	1866	178.	Wm. B. Rowzie.....	1888
116.	W. H. Starr.....	1867	179.	Joseph Lear.....	1889
117.	T. A. Pierce.....	1867	180.	James McAden.....	1889
118.	John H. Payne.....	1867	181.	John H. Patteson.....	1889
119.	James E. Joyner.....	1868	182.	Jas. W. Blincoe.....	1889
120.	Geo. M. Robertson.....	1868	183.	Wm. G. Williams.....	1889
121.	Aurelius W. Holt.....	1868	184.	Joseph S. R. Clarke.....	1889
122.	J. K. Powers.....	1869	185.	Jas. H. Crown.....	1890
123.	Minton Thrift.....	1869	186.	Benj. F. Woodward.....	1890
124.	Joseph Spriggs.....	1870	187.	Alfred Wiles.....	1890
125.	Isaac M. Arnold.....	1870	188.	Thos. L. Williams.....	1890
126.	Wm. I. Hunter.....	1870	189.	Jas. H. Dalby.....	1890
127.	D. J. C. Slaughter.....	1870	190.	John E. Edwards.....	1891
128.	T. C. Jennings.....	1871	191.	John G. Rowe.....	1891
129.	Humphrey Billups.....	1871	192.	Robert A. Armistead.....	1891
130.	B. H. Johnson.....	1872	193.	Jas. W. Compton.....	1891
131.	Alexander Stewart.....	1872	194.	John M. Saunders.....	1891
132.	Wm. H. Jerdone.....	1872	195.	Wm. McGee.....	1891
133.	C. H. Hall.....	1872	196.	Thos. H. Boggs.....	1891
134.	R. J. Carson.....	1873	197.	Leonidas Rosser.....	1892
135.	G. N. Guy.....	1873	198.	Jacob Shough.....	1892
136.	M. M. Dance.....	1873	199.	Jas. F. Twitty.....	1892
137.	Jeremiah McMullan.....	1873	200.	John W. Tucker.....	1892
138.	H. B. Cowles.....	1874	201.	Peter A. Peterson.....	1893
139.	L. J. Hansberger.....	1874	202.	Francis J. Boggs.....	1894
140.	Joseph Carson.....	1875	203.	John B. Laurens.....	1894
141.	W. E. Mitchell.....	1875	204.	Jas. H. Pike.....	1894

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205.	Thos. M. Beckham.....	1894	217.	Jacob H. Proctor.....	1897
206.	Davis P. Wills.....	1895	218.	Edward M. Peterson.....	1897
207.	Edward P. Wilson.....	1895	219.	Chas. T. Gibbs.....	1897
208.	John W. Hilldrup.....	1895	220.	Hezekiah P. Mitchell.....	1897
209.	Sam'l W. Eason.....	1895	221.	Thomas P. Wise.....	1897
210.	Wm. E. Payne.....	1895	222.	Lemuel S. Reed.....	1897
211.	James C. Martin.....	1895	223.	Joseph J. Edwards.....	1898
212.	Wilbur F. Robins.....	1895	224.	James L. Spencer.....	1898
213.	Wm. H. Christian.....	1896	225.	Jacob Manning.....	1898
214.	Esmond A. Gibbs.....	1896	226.	Geo. C. Vanderslice.....	1898
215.	John A. Smith.....	1896	227.	David M. Wallace.....	1898
216.	Adam C. Bledsoe.....	1896			

[*"These all died in the faith."*—Hebrews X: 13.]

VII.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON

OF

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“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God; whose faith follow considering the end of their conversation; Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever.”—Hebrews xiii, 7, 8.

The Revised Version is one advantage which the preacher of to-day has over the preacher of fifty years ago. In your devotional reading use the Authorized Version, but keep near you and consult often the Revised. The text as I read it implies that the men to be remembered and imitated still presided over the churches and preached the Word. Now, listen to the Revision: “Remember them that had the rule over you, which spake unto you the Word of God; and considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever.” They formerly ruled over you; or, rather, they were your leaders. The word rule has more of authority, leadership of influence and inspiration. They stood in front and called and cheered you on, showing the way by word and deed. Now that their forms have vanished and their voices are hushed, remember them and follow their faith. This is the true apostolical succession. “Considering the end”—not the purpose, but the close of life; their outgoing, their death. Many commentators say that it means here martyrdom. There were Christian martyrs at that early day. I name Stephen and James. They were faithful, not only until death, but in suffering death on account of their faith. Martyrdom threw around them a halo—gave to their memory a special sacredness; so we cherish in peculiar tenderness of recollection Dibrell, Mitchell and Eskridge, who fell at their posts in these twin cities during the fearful plague of yellow fever in 1855. But I see no reason for limiting the reference to martyrs. The eleventh chapter brings before us a great cloud of witnesses before Christ. Abel leads the list—the first recorded death a martyrdom; and it closes with mentioning, though not naming, many who were stoned to death, sawn asunder, slain with the sword. But between these appear in equal lustre of faith Enoch, who never saw death, and Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Samuel, David, who lived many years and died without violence. Hold in memory the holy men who labored among you, who taught you the truth as it is in Jesus, who illustrated in

their lives the doctrine they preached, and were patterns worthy your imitation. Look intently upon the manner of death to which the manner of their life led. Conversation in old English meant conduct; not familiar speech only, but words and acts, private and public; the whole behavior which outwardly expressed the inner life. The writer adds for their encouragement, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever." "The workmen die; the work goes on." Believers pass away; the faith abides. Ministers and members change; the Head of the Church is ever the same. He is constant, changeless, not only in His own essential glory, but also in His love and care for His disciples. "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I." "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

I speak to you of more recent fathers and leaders whom God has taken to Himself. My heart overflows with gratitude to God for His countless and ceaseless mercies. Two events of my life demand special thanksgiving—my conversion and my call to the ministry. Chief among the agencies sanctified to my conversion was a Christian home. I mention my father, not merely as a tribute of filial affection, but as a type of a class of humble Methodist laymen who lived in the first half of the present century. He would gladly have died a private in the army, for he liked to listen rather than to speak, and to be led rather than to lead. But he never refused any service to which he was called; so he became a non-commissioned officer—a class-leader. Morning and evening he gathered his family together for worship. When he came home for the midday meal, he first entered his chamber to commune with God. Fridays he fasted from dinner, and spent the hour in reading, meditation and prayer. Sunday was to him a busy and happy day. Class-meeting, Sunday-school, morning and evening worship, visiting the aged or infirm, and religious reading between times filled the day. His boys sat by his side in the house of God—the sexes sat apart in those days. His presence could be counted on at the regular services on Wednesday and Friday nights, and every night of the protracted meeting. One day some friends were speaking of a prominent layman whose daughters had gone to the theatre. It was said that he should not be held responsible, as the girls were full-grown. My father replied: "While my children are small I will not let them go to such places. When they get older I expect them to have too much respect for me to go." I was burning with desire to see a play at the theatre; but, so far as I know, none of his children ever visited a questionable place of amusement. Though strict in his views and practice, he was not censorious. If he strained out a gnat he did not swallow a camel; if he tithed mint, anise and cummin, he did not neglect the weightier matters of the law. During the prevalence of yellow fever in 1855, he spent his time in visiting the sick and burying the dead until the infection seized him, and neighbors laid him to rest.

I am debtor to a line of able and faithful pastors. First, William A. Smith, under whose pastorate my father was brought into the Church: strong, brave, progressive, frank, of both tender and passionate impulses, without a superior in American Methodism as a debater and ecclesiastical statesman. Dr. Waller followed; he and his excellent wife were specially noted for attention to children and to the poor. He was a M. D., not D. D.; we managed to get along in those days without doctors of divinity, and my impression is that Leonidas Rosser was the first graduate of a literary institution to enter the Conference. David S. Doggett came next. There was none to match him in the pulpit; and though not eminent for social qualities, he was a diligent and beloved pastor. It was said that a little moisture came into his eyes when, at the end of his first year of trial, he

was read out for Mattamuskeet. I feel sure that no word of complaint fell from his lips. When I held a District Conference in Hyde county, N. C., in 1887, his name was still as ointment poured forth. At the next session he was stationed at Petersburg, and if he did not rise higher, it was because the Conference had nothing higher than Petersburg Methodism to offer. Petersburg for influential laymen, Lynchburg for active and gifted women, and Portsmouth for fervent piety excelled. Anthony Dibrell was grave and reserved. When he became a Christian he put away the violin, of which he had been fond, because it was associated in his mind with worldliness and frolic. During his term I heard that imperial orator, Henry Bascom. It was affirmed that his sermon and lectures developed in Dibrell talents which had been latent, and from that time his discourses were weighted and illumined with the wealth of thought and grandeur of imagery for which he was distinguished. Thomas Crowder was the only member of the Conference, so far as I know, who professed entire sanctification, though all preached it more or less. He was a holy man, devout, zealous, and very useful. Then came the second pastorate of Dr. Smith, during which I was converted. His successor, Edward Wadsworth, impressed Norfolk more deeply than I have ever known any other community impressed by any man, with reverence as for a saint and a prophet; as he walked the streets men felt, there goes that man of God! He was not a genius, not a born orator; but his well-prepared sermons, chaste, direct, lucid, and rich in evangelical truth, delivered with intense earnestness, went to the hearts of the people. He was upright by the plumb line; if he deflected by a hair's breadth, God knew it, not man. Henry B. Cowles took charge after I had gone to college. "If I could throw my arms around men and draw them to my heart like Cowles, I would be somebody," remarked Dibrell. Cordiality, wide sympathies, joined to good sense and tireless energy, what is a better combination for preacher in charge or Presiding Elder?

The Sunday-school was a great help to me. That genial soul, John M. Saunders, who preceded me six years in the Conference, was one of my teachers. There I filled my mind with the very words of Holy Writ, and the library furnished me good books in addition to those which my father had. What books fed me? Wesley's Sermons and Life, the Lives of Fletcher, John Nelson, Adam Clarke, Carvosso, and Hester Ann Rogers, Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress and Holy War, the Dairyman's Daughter, biographies of Henry Martyn and John Eliot.

My conversion occurred during a great revival in March, 1844. But I was not swept into it by any wave of excitement, for I went forward as a seeker at the start of the movement. I can never forget the Monday, in our school a holiday, when, in a solitary walk on the bank of the Elizabeth, I discussed with myself the momentous question whether I should then devote myself to God and His kingdom. All the argument was one way, yet I hesitated. That night, in the short walk from my home to the church, my purpose was fixed, and, however imperfectly carried out, it has never wavered. It was immediately declared by my kneeling in prayer on entering the house of God. Despite my earnest effort, I somehow could not feel interest in the sermon; but when the invitation was given I presented myself as a penitent. Probably for more than two weeks the seeking continued; then there came into my heart a great peace, which has been uninterrupted to this hour. When was I called to the ministry? I cannot say. I do not remember the time when I did not desire and expect to spend my life in preaching. As soon as I had found Christ my mind was settled on this point.

In 1846, I was matriculated at Randolph-Macon College. The College gave me free tuition; a generous layman, Colonel Rogers, gave me a happy home. The

first Conference session of which I retain distinct recollection was held that autumn in the old college building near Boydton. Bishop Capers presided; he had been elected to the office the preceding May. Some of the older brethren did not approve an innovation he introduced; he asked each preacher, when his name was called in the examination of character, to tell his religious experience. I recall two of these testimonies. Rosser said, "When I die, let this be my epitaph: 'A sinner saved by grace.'" Nathaniel Thomas related a conversation between himself and his class-leader. "Well, Nat, how do you feel now?" "I feel as if my heart were a shot-bag, full of shot, and every shot a sin." "What are you going to do with it?" "If I could only make a hole in one end, and let the shot drop one by one, I would be happy." "Now, my boy, I will tell you a better way. Cut the bag in the middle, hold up both ends, and let all the sins fall out at once." By one act of simple faith it was done. The great event connected with the session was the acceptance by Dr. Smith of the presidency of the College. From trivial causes there had arisen a storm which threatened to wreck the institution. The great talents and energy of the new President saved the College, and carried it forward to prosperity until the Civil War closed for a time its doors and reduced its endowment. I did not hear on Sunday the Bishop, but my spiritual father, Dr. Smith. But I had heard Dr. Capers, Missionary Secretary, in 1841. John Early presided over the Conference at Portsmouth that year in the absence of Bishop Andrew. Dr. Capers preached Sunday morning in Norfolk on "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days." If I had time I could repeat to you part of that sermon. I will preserve a comment on it made to me by an apprentice of my father. "I was disappointed. The sermon was interesting, but I had heard him spoken of as an able preacher, and I understood every word he said." He was not the first, nor the last, who failed to understand that usually it is not the depth, but the muddiness, of the waters that prevents us from seeing the bottom.

In 1848, I was admitted on trial. How did that session compare with this of 1898? Certainly the day before presented a different scene from that of last Tuesday. The Conference met at Elizabeth City, N. C., now less than two hours distant from this place. Nearly all the preachers (there were no lay members and few visitors then) spent Monday night in Norfolk and Portsmouth. We started early the next morning in a small steamboat on the canal. A side-wheel soon broke, and we who stuck to the boat arrived at the seat of the Conference the next evening. The Bishop and most of the older brethren got off at different points and finished the trip in borrowed or hired carriages. It was a merry-hearted company. The cares of the itinerancy were for the time cast off, and the reunion of the brotherhood was delightful. But as the hours passed, and the exchange of greetings and familiar talk ended, there ensued the inevitable debate on some profound theological or philosophical problem. Dibrell, hearing our excited voices, stepped to the window and looked into the crowded cabin. As we had done all we could to get the subject into a hopeless tangle, D. P. Wills appealed to that honored senior to settle the question, first stating the opposing views and arguments with much formality. "Ah, boys," said Dibrell, shaking his head in despair, "you are too hard for me." With a general laugh the dispute ended.

Bishop Capers again presided. We sat with closed doors. From the probationers to the toil-worn veterans, each itinerant, when his name was called, left the room, and stayed out while his character and service were reported. I will not give the name; but a notable instance occurred in which a young brother was painted with a pencil dipped in the hues of the rainbow; he was an angel lent to earth for a few

years. But sometimes the scalpel and caustic were used. The man under discussion was outside; but did not somebody repeat to him what had been said? One remark came to me about myself at the close of my first year. The Presiding Elder, who had known me from my childhood, and was doubtless partial to the boy he had brought into the Conference, complimented me as a hard worker. "I don't see what opportunity he had for hard work on a circuit with only seven churches," replied Bishop Andrew. Those were days of large circuits; and Eastville Circuit would doubtless have been larger if the M. E. Church had not hemmed us in. The method of examination pursued at that period was demanded by the circumstances; there were few railroads, few newspapers, comparatively little travel, little intercourse among the preachers during the year; it was necessary to inquire into their lives, talents, and success on the Conference floor. The appeal of a local preacher was tried by the Conference, not by a committee as now. The defence and prosecution were able and eloquent. Leroy M. Lee, with one stroke of his blade, the flash of his wit equalling, but not surpassing, the edge of his logic, so upset the dignified President that he turned his back to the Conference until he regained composure. There were no connectional officers to make speeches on the varied interests and operations of the Church, and the body was much smaller than now; but the sessions were as long. Virginia Conference preachers were fond of talking then as now, and as Bishop Early once retorted in their defence, they had something to say; the boards and committees to-day save time by preparing matter for the action of the Conference, and thus rendering protracted discussion on the floor unnecessary. The room was not crowded, as the people were not invited to be present, but each afternoon and night, and sometimes in the morning, they gathered together for worship and to hear the Word.

There are on your roll four superannuates who entered the Conference before 1848—J. A. Riddick, J. F. Brannin, T. J. Bayton, and J. B. Dey. Of my own class four have died—Cash, Blount, Bishop and Spiller. There remain, besides me, J. L. Clarke, a superannuate, who sits in the pulpit, and Josephus Anderson, editor of the *Florida Christian Advocate*. I give a few statistics:

	1848	1898
Travelling preachers.....	117	274
Local preachers.....	182	132
White members.....	29,565	88,630
Colored members.....	5,913	53
Missionary collection.....	\$6,750 00	\$30,157 00
Conference collection.....	\$2,449 00	\$11,587 42

In 1848, there was a travelling preacher to 252 white members, now to 323 members. You will find the explanation of the disparity in the number of circuits and stations which have each from 500 to 1,000 or more members.

How does the personnel of the Conference fifty years ago compare with that of to-day? Here I must be cautious, for fear, not of offending, but of betraying my age, for one's age is determined, not so much by the calendar, as by the way of looking on old things and new. One class that excited my admiration and deference is now missing, the class of venerable men; all now are either of my own age, or my juniors. Can you send a grander trio to the General Conference than Early, Smith, and Lee? It is true that you were entitled to six clerical members last May, but you are more than twice as numerous as the Annual Conference of 1848. John Early read men more than books, and he knew how to rule them. He did not elaborate in preaching or in debate: he was suggestive, and put into

the mind seed-thoughts which ripened into convictions; his exhortations were fiery and powerful. Lee was one of the few men in that day whose style was expository rather than hortatory: he was strong in argument on his feet and at his desk. Smith I have already described. Dr. Winans was unwilling to vote on any new measure which Smith advocated until a night had passed so that he might recover from the spell of the speech and be able to form an independent judgment. I have not mentioned the old warrior, Lewis Skidmore; he had already retired from active service, I believe. He graduated at Anvil College, Fauquier county, and in controversy knew how to wield a resistless sledge-hammer. Have you better Presiding Elders than Crowder, Cowles, Davis, Nolley, Michaels, Rowzie, Coul-ling, and Manning? What revivalists among you have gathered more souls into the kingdom than Carson, Rosser, and those eccentric men, Duval and Thomas? You are strong in the pulpit; but need I be ashamed to name Doggett, Dibrell, Edwards, Stanly, Head, and Langhorne, the knight who ever espoused the weaker side, and feared not to contend against any odds? There were rising young members—Bennett, Wilson, Boggs, Wheelwright, and Blackwell. Soon after me there entered Reed, whose memoir will be read at this session; Hall, one of the most gifted of the most gifted class, that of 1853, sixteen in number, I have ever seen admitted; and James A. Duncan, playmate of my childhood, college-mate of my youth, comrade of my maturer years, whose ministry opened six months later than my own, and closed suddenly twenty-one years ago; his wisdom and power waxed richer and riper to the end, but, like a full-orbed moon, whose splendor can increase only as she moves from horizon to zenith, his charm of person, manner, mind, heart, and tongue, complete at the commencement of his career, underwent no change except to become more conspicuous and exert its influence over a widening sphere, as he steadily rose to higher positions.

But admiration for the fathers and for the colleagues of my youth cannot conceal from me the many advantages which the Conference of to-day possesses over them in scholarship, wide reading, culture and elegance of speech, but more of the pen. I thank God for the progress of education, and in particular for the great blessing which Randolph-Macon has been to this body of ministers. The preachers of fifty years ago—I speak not of bright stars among them, but of average men—read little literature, but they did read God's Word. They did not have much variety in their texts, but they preached oftener than their successors on what Luther called the little gospels, texts which contain the marrow and fatness of the Gospel. Their range of topics was not wide; but they dwelt with iteration and emphasis on the great truths of Revelation, universal guilt of depravity, the atonement, justification by faith, the necessity of the new birth, without the modern qualification, "except cases in which infantile purity has been preserved intact," the witness of the spirit, the danger of backsliding, eternal life, and eternal perdition. Their vocabulary was not large, nor their style polished, but they made their meaning plain, and did not hide the truth in any poetical or philosophical mists. They went because they were sent; they spoke because they believed; they had a message from God to deliver; they saw men on the verge of hell and sought to rescue them by the only possible means—the Gospel of Christ; they were direct, earnest, pointed, practical. Exegesis was not their forte. They sometimes misinterpreted a text, sometimes misapplied it in argument, but they had a distinct, definite, positive and certain theology. Appeal to conscience, gratitude, hope and fear, exhortation to abandon sin, lay hold on Christ and make their calling and election sure, was not merely the peroration, but the body of the discourse. They depended on the power of the truth and of the Holy Ghost; they expected

immediate fruit, and God gave the increase. Opponents talked of wild fire, rant, animal excitement, superficial work. It was said they gather in many professors, but see how they are sifted out by the six months' probation. But after all abatement the Church grew, and no people were more moral, devout and spiritual than the Methodists. Perhaps it were better to-day if we had more life, fervor, power, even though at some loss of decorum, form and quiet. O, for a noise and a shaking and a coming together of bone to bone, and a covering of sinews, flesh and skin, and the rush of a mighty wind, God's own breath, the inbreathing of the Holy Spirit, as in the former days!

I recall three dying testimonies which seem to me worthy to be preserved. John Wesley Childs was not a jubilant believer, but he wrought out his own salvation with fear and trembling. No fault was found in him except this, that he wore himself out with fasting, watching, praying and toiling. He was seized in Norfolk with fatal illness while on his way to a new appointment. "Have you no message for our children?" asked his wife. "My life," he replied; "what more can I say?" At the end of a laborious, eventful and often stormy life, Dr. Smith said to me: "My mind is like a lake embosomed amid wooded hills on a summer day when no wind disturbs the calm." The sweet-spirited John W. White, when a visiting brother asked whether he should pray with him, answered with a smile: "Certainly. And yet I know not what you can ask for me. I lie here in peace awaiting the summons to my Father's home. Suppose, instead of praying, you sing Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" Already prayer was lost in praise, and the only gift God could bestow was Heaven.

The Conference has been threatened and tossed with many tempests during my brief life. First there was the war of the Reformers, resulting in the establishment of the Methodist Protestant Church. Most of the societies and ministers within our territory returned to us; and Smith, our mightiest champion in that controversy, was foremost in introducing laymen into this body as members of the Board of Finance, and a member of the committee of three in the General Conference of 1866 that drafted the plan of lay representation for the Church. Within the Conference were the Waller troubles. Dr. Waller was a good man, with a facility for getting into difficulties with leading members of the stations he served. Hence there were complaints against him, and though he was in a minority, he had a following. At one of the annual sessions, Bishop Waugh called on Brother Crowder to lead in prayer before the Waller case should be taken up. "Never before or since did I hear such a prayer," said Dr. Summers to me. He was a young preacher in Baltimore at the time, and accompanied the Bishop to the Conference. All faces were wet with tears. "Under the hallowed emotions of this hour," said Dr. Lee, "I propose that we lay the matter on the table." Then rose Smith, the big drops flowing plentifully from his great blue eyes: "Mr. President, I can weep as well as any other man; but I make it a rule never to let my principles run out of my eyes. I move that we proceed with the complaint against William I. Waller." Dr. Waller joined the P. E. Church in 1844, and moved to Kentucky. When Smith lay in severe sickness at my home in 1870, I received a letter from Dr. Waller of tender inquiry concerning his old antagonist and with a message of love, to which the invalid made, through me, a most cordial response.

A few weeks after my becoming a probationer in the Church, the Plan of Separation was adopted. How eagerly I devoured every word of the debates in the General Conference as reported in the *New York Christian Advocate and Journal*. The mind of our people was so nearly unanimous in favor of separation from the M. E. Church, that little agitation followed except on our northern border, where a number of societies or members from other Conferences voted to come South.

The Smith-Deems controversy agitated the North Carolina and Virginia Conferences for seven years. When Smith had died, and his brethren had resolved to raise a monument over his grave in Hollywood, Dr. Deems, then of continental fame as an author and as pastor of the Church of the Strangers in New York, wrote to Dr. John E. Edwards his desire, if there should be no objection, to contribute twenty-five dollars to that object.

Then came a terrible crisis and catastrophe—the Civil War. The flower and chivalry of our Southern land lay slain, our property had perished, our slaves were freed and invested with all the rights of citizenship. In that hour of defeat and surrender, the grief of a whole people flowed forth, not over the loss of wealth; not over the death of husbands, sons and brothers; but over the lost cause in whose behalf all had been risked, the cause of State sovereignty, and of the prestige and peculiar civilization of the South. But Jesus Christ remained the same; faith, hope and charity, these three, survived. As a Church, we have advanced in membership, organization, education, wealth, liberality, and equipment for fulfilling her mission. We thank God and take courage.

Brethren of the Conference, you are successors to worthy men and heirs of a noble heritage. You reap that on which you bestowed no labor, but you also sow for the generation that shall follow. Grasp your great opportunity and your great responsibility. See that within your borders every field white to harvest be reaped, and the whole soil be sown thick with virtue and piety. Prize and use your vast resources with singleness of eye and humble trust in God. Emulate the enterprise, diligence and patience of the fathers, their devotion to the Master, their love of the Church purchased with His blood, and their zeal for the salvation of the world. Let no subtlety of Satan corrupt your minds from the simplicity that is in Christ; simplicity of faith, of worship, of conduct, of whole-hearted consecration, of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Preach the Word—not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. You are now the shepherds and leaders of the churches, and they will fashion themselves not only after the doctrines you teach, but also after the examples you set. Keep out of your Conference and membership all strifes, heart-burnings, party lines and party spirit, and be ye of one mind and of one heart. Remember and follow the men who spake to you the Word of God and have been received up into glory. Soon we shall rest from our labors and join them in the better country and the city whose builder is God. O goodly company of the spirits of the just made perfect, we will rejoice to greet you and to learn more and more of your past history and present happiness; but pardon us if first our eyes search among you for Early, and Smith, and Doggett, and Duncan, and others who were our fellow-laborers and sharers of our tribulations and triumphs, that we may renew the fellowship which on earth was so sweet and sacred, henceforth to be purified, enlarged, and exalted in the presence of God and the Lamb forever.

VIII.

REPORTS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Church, following the Master, has from its establishment been engaged in the work of teaching. All truth comes from God and leads to God. He demands the consecration and service of the mind as well as the heart. Methodism has been and still is an evangelizing agency; she must be no less a conserving agency, and develop and build up the multitudes which have been brought under her influence. All Methodism to-day is stirred by the mighty responsibilities which in the providence of God have been laid upon us as a people. The twentieth century, now at our doors, must be the greatest in results of any in the history of the world. We must meet the demands upon us, or prove ungrateful for the blessings we have received, and show ourselves unworthy of the trust committed to our hands. Wesleyan Methodists have resolved to raise a fund of one million guineas as a thank offering to God, to be devoted to the various enterprises of Church work. Our Canadian brethren, with two hundred and eighty thousand members, are calling for one million dollars, and the Methodist Episcopal Church has determined to raise twenty millions for a twentieth century fund. Our last General Conference called for one million and a half dollars, to be devoted to the work of education alone. The time is propitious and the cause is worthy. No such opportunity will present itself for generations to come; we must be true to this, and make the opening of the twentieth century memorable for the realized fruit of the centuries preceding. Every land is now open to the gospel. The prayers of the Church for the unbarring of the doors long closed against the entrance of the Church of God have been answered, and the services of men and women, equipped in mind and heart for the work of evangelization, are called for. The money given to Christian education will affect every field of Christian effort. No where could so much money be used to better advantage for the cause of Christianity at home and abroad.

We therefore commend most heartily the action of the General Conference inaugurating a movement throughout our connection to raise \$1,500,000, to put our schools and colleges in better position to meet the responsibilities of the twentieth century. While the sum which the Southern Methodist Church is thus called upon to raise is far less in proportion to our ability than the similar enterprises of the Wesleyan Methodists in England and Canada, or the Methodist Episcopal Church of our own country, the undertaking is still a great advance on what we have done in the past, and should be promptly passed from proposition to performance. We recommend that the Board of Education of this Conference be instructed to take steps to organize at once a general canvass of all of our charges in harmony with the plan outlined by the General Conference. We recommend

that that Board appoint an Executive Committee of three to give active supervision to the work, and that Dr. W. W. Smith be elected by this Conference as manager of the canvass under their supervision. The Board directly, or through its Executive Committee, shall have authority to apply the expense fund provided by the General Conference plan to the expenses of the canvass herein ordered, as it may deem best calculated to accomplish the result sought. We especially ask the Conference, in placing this large and important undertaking under the direction of the Board of Education, to promise the active and hearty co-operation of all its agencies. We shall need the aid of the Conference press, of the presiding elders, preachers in charge and stewards, and of all the organizations of the Church so far as they can be properly applied. We must for a time bend the mind of the Church to the accomplishment of this one thing. With this promise on the part of the Conference, we believe that the enterprise can be speedily carried to a successful conclusion.

We report with gratitude the continued prosperity of the institutions belonging to our Church in the bounds of the Conference. Randolph-Macon, the oldest of Southern Methodist colleges, points with pride to those who have been trained in her halls as the jewels in her crown. The history of the mother college, which the zeal and skill of Capt. Richard Irby has just placed before the public, is a record of heroic service and sacrifice well calculated to enshrine it in the affections of our people. The Randolph-Macon Woman's College has its boarding capacity taxed to its utmost. It is gratifying to note that this institution has been recognized by the United States Commissioner of Education as among the fourteen leading colleges for women in the United States, being the only Southern college so classed. This whole system, from the academies to the colleges, is purposely Christian. Christ is held before the students as the Saviour of men and the Bible as the inspired Word of God. We urge upon our people throughout our bounds to patronize these institutions of our own, being assured that nowhere else is better instruction given and, at the same time, so many influences tending to the religious development of the students to be found.

We append the statistical tables of the schools belonging to our Church and those under the patronage of the Conference. The latter, while not owned by the Church, are worthy of high praise for the work they have done and are doing in the cause of Christian education.

We offer for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That the presiding Bishop be, and is hereby, requested to re-appoint Rev. Jas. Cannon, Jr., President of Blackstone Female Institute; Rev. John T. Payne, President of Central Female Institute, Gordonsville, Va.; Rev. E. H. Rowe, President of the Southern Seminary and Conservatory of Music, Bowling Green, Va., and to appoint Rev. R. M. Saunders, Instructor in the Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

2. That the Joint Board of Finance be requested to apportion to the several districts \$3,500 for the benefit of Randolph-Macon College; \$564 for the uses of the General Board of Education, and \$200 for Paine and Lane Institutes—the whole sum of \$4,264 to be pro-rated.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE METHODIST

NAME OF INSTITUTION.	LOCATION.	PRESENT CHIEF OFFICER.
Randolph-Macon College.....	Ashland, Va.....	Rev. John A. Kern, D. D.....
Randolph-Macon Woman's College.....	Lynchburg, Va.....	Wm. W. Smith, LL. D.....
Randolph-Macon Academy.....	Bedford City, Va.....	E. Sumter Smith.....
Randolph-Macon Institute.....	Danville, Va.....	W. Holmes Davis.....
Blackstone Female Institute.....	Blackstone, Va.....	Rev. James Cannon, Jr.....
INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE PAT- RONAGE OF THE CHURCH.		
Suffolk College.....	Suffolk, Va.....	Sally A. Finney.....
Southern Seminary.. ..	Bowling Green, Va...	Rev. E. H. Rowe.....

BOARD OF COLPORTAGE.

There is scarcely a more important interest claiming the attention of this Conference than that of colportage. If we do not continue to distribute our books and periodicals among our people, they will continue to feed their minds on something else, and in many instances on that which is positively pernicious; for the mind as well as the body must have food, and *will* have it. If it is not supplied with good food it will take bad. Our fair land is full of vile literature, and it is being circulated to an alarming extent. On every railroad train and steamboat, and on the counters and shelves of every book-seller can be seen books the title-page of which alone is enough to assure us that they appeal to the evil passions and morbid desires of men and women. Our boys and girls are reading this class of book and filling their minds with poison. The only way for us to meet this state of things is to place before them pure, elevating literature. "To keep out the bad, we must put in the good."

The Executive Committee of this Board held a meeting during the year at Centenary Church, in Richmond, Va. The work of Dr. Brown was approved and heartily commended.

The encouraging report received from Dr. Brown is highly gratifying to us. In this report he reviews the work of the year just closed, and shows that it has been one of marked success. We rejoice that prosperity has crowned the year. We most respectfully ask your attention to his report, which is as follows:

To the Board of Colportage of the Virginia Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN,—You need not be informed that the work of colportage, committed to your care, has made gratifying progress year by year. I am happy to be able to assure you that this year is not an exception in this respect to its predeces-

EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, IN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Date of Charter.	First Year of Opening.	Value of Grounds and Buildings, &c.	Total Endowment.	Productive Endowment.	Endowment Dividends.	Amount of Indebtedness.	No. of Professors and Teachers.	Students' Year Ending June, 1898.					Total Income Last Year.
								Collegiate.		Sub-Colleg.			
								Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Total Students.	
1830	1832	\$115,000	\$125,500	\$105,500	\$7,150	\$13,000	13	110	.....		.....	110	\$17,130
1891	1893	134,900	102,000	90,000	5,400	20,000	30	.....	172	.....	60	232	†43,312
1889	1890	99,600	.....	.....	.....	40,000	9	.....	.....	97	.....	97	.....
.....	1897	35,000	.....	.....	.....	2,500	10	.....	.....	.....	90	90	.....
1888	1889	32,000	.....	.....	.....	8,000	17	.....	.....	4	176	180	.....
			\$227,500	\$195,000	\$12,550	\$ 83,500	79	110	172	101	326	709	
1880	1869	30,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	67	.....	21	88	.....
1867	.....	11,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....

†Including board.

A. COKE SMITH, *Chairman.*

sors. Despite the financial stringency of the times, and the consequent scarcity of money, especially in many of our circuits in rural sections, and, most of all, despite the abnormal excitement and preoccupation of the public mind by reason of the war with Spain, this year is the most successful of my agency.

In last year's report, to which I beg to refer you, a carefully itemized statement was given the Board of the profits, expenses, and volume of business. I shall not, therefore, repeat that review on this occasion, but will ask your attention to the fact that we have remitted to Messrs. Barbee & Smith, in monthly installments, the following sums: November 29, 1897, \$724.63; December 21, 1897, \$30.85; January 8, 1898, \$500; January 28, 1898, \$500; March 8, 1898, \$500; April 7, 1898, \$500; June 4, 1898, \$500; July 5, 1898, \$500; July 29, 1898, \$500; August 31, 1898, \$500; September 30, 1898, \$500; November 4, 1898, \$600; total, \$5,855.48—increase on last year of $11\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., or \$479.73. Remittances to other houses for books not of our publication, \$264.76; total, \$6,120.24; averaging \$510.02 per month.

We find it more and more difficult to secure the services of suitable men for this wide and fruitful field of Church enterprise. Our success has been won chiefly through the normal agencies of Methodism. Our itinerant pastors have given us generous support and co-operation. Much has been accomplished through the Epworth Leagues, the Sunday-schools, the benevolent societies, and the elect ladies and consecrated laymen, having a mind for the work.

The Depository at Ashland, under the care of my son, Wm. S. Brown, occupying a central and accessible locality in our Conference territory, has been of inestimable value, while at District Conferences and elsewhere I have done what I could. If it be true, in application to these limited and imperfect instrumentalities, that

"by their fruits ye shall know them," then may we exclaim with devout gratitude,
 "Behold, what hath God wrought!"

OUR PLAN OF COLPORTAGE.

The work of colportage in the Virginia Conference antedates all general Conference legislation on that subject, having been organized under a constitution adopted by the Conference at the session in Norfolk, Va., November, 1886. Two years thereafter, by act of the Conference at Portsmouth, Va., November, 1888, the Colportage and Sunday-school Boards were united, and the Rev. J. W. Blincoe, deceased, was chosen agent. A depository, under the care of T. L. D. Walford, deceased, was established in Richmond, Va., and the Church responded with commendable liberality. But, alas! in the first year of his useful and arduous labors, the death of Brother Blincoe, a man of exceptionable qualifications for his office, deprived the Board of its executive head and seriously embarrassed the whole enterprise. At the Conference held in Richmond, November, 1889, the work of Sunday-schools was relegated to the Sunday-school Board of the Conference, and colportage was re-organized on the principle of self-support. A constitution was adopted, and, on motion of J. W. Bledsoe, D. D., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference request the presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. A. G. Brown, D. D., the agent of our Colportage Board.

Deferring to the wishes of my brethren, I consented to serve the Board, with the distinct understanding that it should not interfere with my appointment in the regular itinerant ministry. Nine years I have held the position and discharged its duties to the best of my ability. The results are before you in my annual reports.

The General Conference in Baltimore, Md., May, 1898, so changed the chapter on colportage, adopted in St. Louis, Mo., May, 1890, as to make it the duty of the general book agents to employ agents and colporters in all sections of our territory. In case they should wish to employ a traveling preacher they should nominate him, subject to appointment by the Bishop, on recommendation of the Annual Conference.—See Dis, page 164, sec. v, ¶ 404. It will be observed that the law quoted above does not take away the right of an Annual Conference to carry on the work of colportage in its own territory, on such a plan and by such agencies as it may elect. If it can be done satisfactorily, I hope it will be your pleasure, while maintaining your own organization, to carry forward this great work in perfect harmony and co-operation with our general book agents. "In union there is strength."

Sincerely invoking the Divine blessing on your Board, I am, dear brethren,

Yours very truly,

ALEX. G. BROWN.

We submit the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference:

Resolved, 1. That the election of Dr. Brown, on nomination of the Book Agents at Nashville, as General Colporter in the Virginia Conference, gives us great pleasure; and the Colportage Board pledges him and the Book Agents of the Publishing House our hearty co-operation with their efforts to put the literature of our Church in the hearts and homes of our people.

Resolved, 2. That the Conference Depository at Ashland, Va., under the careful management of Dr. Brown, has been a book blessing to our Conference, where the books and publications of the "House" are sold at the same prices and discounts offered at Nashville, and that we bespeak for it the support and patronage of our preachers, churches and Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Thoughtful men and women of this generation, in whose hands God in his providence has committed for the present the interest of the State and of the Church, cannot be indifferent to the preparation and the character of those who are soon to take control of affairs by the will of God. Into whose hands are we to leave the government of the State, the care of the homes, and the institutions of the Church of God? And how are they being prepared for such positions of importance? These are questions of great moment for all good men and women of this day.

The Christian beholds with delight the ever-increasing multitudes who swell the Sunday school, where the Holy Bible is the text-book. We of the Virginia Conference may rejoice that every year our members increase. We have not the statistics of this year, but the reports encourage us to believe that there has been an advance upon the net increase of last year, which was 2,100 scholars.

We congratulate the Church also on the improvement of our literature. Never before have we had such excellent periodicals. Certainly we need not now go elsewhere for our supply. Thanks to the "Children's Day" collection, none of our Sunday-schools, however poor, need go unsupplied with good literature. About one hundred have been aided this year by your Sunday-school Board, and more than one thousand dollars has been spent for such helps. We are glad to notice that the children's service is becoming more popular and more generally observed. But, while our numbers are increasing, we have not yet reached the maximum nor measured up to our full responsibility. Not only every child large enough to enter the primary department, but every grown person in the Church should in some way be identified with the Sunday-school work. Few, if any, should be excused. The Home Department periodicals, prepared for those who are unable to attend the sessions, have been introduced in a number of places with encouraging success.

We call attention to the law recently enacted by our General Conference, requiring that every Sunday-school shall be a missionary auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

We respectfully offer the following resolutions:

1. That the literature sent out by our Publishing House is the very best for our people, and all schools are urged to use the same.
2. That a good library is a necessity to every well equipped Sunday-school, and all our schools should be supplied with such.
3. That an anniversary service be held during the next session of our Annual Conference, and that the Executive Committee of this Board be requested to arrange a programme for the occasion.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

T. O. EDWARDS, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. O. EDWARDS, *Treasurer,*

In account with Sunday-school Board.

To amount reported raised last Conference.....	\$1,329 40	
To amount left over from Conference year 1896-'97	1 59	
	————	\$1,330 99

By amount paid D. M. Smith, Treasurer-General Conference	
Sunday-school Board.....	79
A. M. Hughlett, Treas'r Virginia Conference	
Board of Education.....	80
J. T. Mastin.....	15 00
Miss Mattie G. Whitehead.....	14 00
J. A. Thomas.....	20 00
G. W. Kinsey.....	30 44
M. S. Elliott.....	30 00
G. H. McFaden.....	25 00
W. P. Constable.....	27 00
W. H. Riddick.....	10 00
L. J. Phaup.....	30 00
W. W. Lear.....	25 00
J. R. Gill.....	20 00
W. S. B. Bond.....	15 00
E. V. Carson.....	15 00
H. F. B. Martin.....	20 00
W. E. Allen.....	15 00
W. C. Pace.....	25 00
C. H. Williams.....	30 00
S. R. Drewry.....	15 00
D. C. Dickenson.....	5 50
R. S. Baughan.....	20 00
A. L. Carson.....	5 00
W. R. Evans.....	7 50
Harry Burruss.....	30 00
O. L. Martin.....	15 00
J. D. Langley.....	25 00
J. E. McSparran.....	31 25
C. E. Blankenship.....	25 00
C. N. Elliott.....	6 00
J. W. Baker.....	18 00
Mrs. Kate Semple.....	10 00
A. L. Carson.....	18 00
T. O. Edwards.....	40 00
S. R. Drewry.....	15 00
C. L. Bane.....	20 00
J. E. Oyler.....	10 00
A. L. Carson.....	5 00
L. L. Banks.....	20 00
R. C. Garland.....	2 00
W. D. Mower.....	11 55
F. B. McSparran.....	12 00
W. H. Riddick.....	15 00
R. H. Mullen.....	10 00
W. J. Williams.....	15 00
R. L. Wingfield.....	4 10
R. T. Waterfield.....	15 00
T. J. Taylor.....	2 18
H. C. Burnett, check book.....	25

By amount paid	R. H. Mullen.....	18 00	
	W. A. S. Conrad.....	10 00	
	J. C. Harry.....	20 00	
	T. P. Duke.....	2 50	
	A. G. Brown, D. D.....	20 00	
	W. F. Hayes.....	5 00	
	J. D. Hosier.....	10 00	
	J. B. Lavinder.....	2 00	
	H. C. Burnett, revenue stamps.....	50	
	Asa Driscoll.....	10 00	
	W. H. Riddick.....	5 00	
	A. G. Brown, D. D.....	11 97	
	W. T. Williams.....	35 00	
	T. J. Taylor, for Bethel Sunday-school.....	2 00	
	T. J. Taylor, stamps and stationery.....	3 50	
	T. O. Edwards, stamps and stationery.....	2 50	
To balance.....		376 66	\$1,330 99

November 16, 1898—Approved.

E. G. MOSELEY.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The report of our Book Agents at Nashville is a carefully prepared exhibit of the success of the Publishing House during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1898. The gain in assets for the year reached the goodly sum of over \$50,000. The total assets are estimated at nearly \$900,000.

The business of the House is steadily increasing, and it stimulates our love and loyalty to this great connectional interest to know that the success of this department of our general Church work is due largely to the generous patronage of our people. This is as it should be. All our denominational interests are, or ought to be, interwoven with our hopes and plans as Methodists, and we should recognize, as individuals, the personal obligation resting upon each one of us to serve the church we love.

In close association with the general work of distributing our own Church literature by the central House in Nashville is our own Depository located at Ashland, Va., and operated with commendable zeal and fidelity by our representative and appointee, Rev. A. G. Brown, D. D.

During the past Conference year, the business of our Conference agency amounted in round numbers to nearly \$6,200—an advance of about 12 per cent. upon the exhibit which was presented at the close of the previous Conference year. We specially commend our Depository at Ashland to the attention and patronage of Virginia Methodists, because they can be furnished by Dr. Brown with our Nashville publications at the same prices named by our Publishing House, and in this way save both time and unnecessary cost of transportation by purchasing their supply of books and Sunday-school material nearer home.

We are glad to know that the Sunday-school literature of our Church has attained such a standard of excellence as to justify the expectation of an enlarged circulation in the future.

The *Epworth Era*, edited by Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., gives promise of new

life, and it is confidently believed that it has entered a wider field of usefulness. It deserves to be liberally sustained by the friends and members of our Epworth Leagues.

Your Committee beg leave to commend the publications issued by our Publishing House at Nashville, including the *Christian Advocate*, the *Southern Methodist Review*, and the *Review of Missions*.

We also commend the *Richmond Christian Advocate* to the patronage of our people, and repeat the resolution adopted by our last Annual Conference, as follows :

“Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. Dr. J. J. Lafferty Editor-in-Chief and also Rev. H. M. Hope Associate Editor of the Richmond Christian Advocate.”

In conclusion, we desire to say that we approve the general management of our Publishing House at Nashville, but we do not approve the methods employed in the collection of what is called the “Publishing House claim.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. STARR, *Chairman*.

W. W. SAWYER, *Secretary*.

WAR CLAIM OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

We, your Committee on the War Claim of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, against the United States Government, after having considered all the papers submitted, and having discussed all the phases of this great subject, beg leave respectfully to submit the following report :

WHEREAS, There has been great agitation regarding what is known as the War Claim of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South ; and—

WHEREAS, Our Bishops have assured the Church in a published communication that if the United States Senate shall by affirmative action declare that they voted for this just claim under a misapprehension and because of misleading statements, they will take the proper steps to have the money returned to the United States Government, and have already apprised the Vice-President of the United States of their action ; therefore, be it—

Resolved, By the Virginia Annual Conference, that we have implicit confidence in the integrity and fidelity of our chief pastors, and believe they will zealously guard and protect the good name of the Church ; and that so far as we have authority as an Annual Conference, we relegate this matter to them for adjudication according to their godly judgment.

Resolved 2, That we deplore the misleading methods used by our agents in the collection of said claim.

L. J. HYSLOP,	R. T. WILSON,
D. J. EVANS,	E. H. ROWE,
R. B. HARTLEY,	R. M. CHANDLER,
GARRETT ANDERSON,	C. H. MCGHEE,
OLIVER EASTBURN,	M. A. COGBILL,
GEO. L. NEVILLE,	A. E. KELLAM.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman*.

E. H. ROWE, *Secretary*.

WAR CLAIM OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

(MINORITY REPORT.)

The undersigned, members of the Committee on the War Claim of the Publishing House, finding ourselves unable to agree with the majority of the committee, beg leave to submit the following as a minority report of said committee :

WHEREAS, Reproach has been brought upon the good name of our Church by the methods employed in the collection of what is known as the War Claim of the Publishing House of

the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and in view of all the well-known facts connected with this case, therefore, be it resolved by the Virginia Conference:

1. That we deprecate and abhor the confessed duplicity practiced by E. B. Stahlman, the attorney employed to collect the claim, and repudiate all complicity in and responsibility for the same.

2. That we deplore the fact that our Book Agents have become in any way implicated in the misleading methods practiced; and believe, under all the circumstances, that the best interest of the Publishing House and its future prosperity will be advanced by their retirement.

3. That we heartily approve of the action taken by our Bishops in regard to the return of the money, and hereby pledge our hearty co-operation and support in carrying out the same.

(Signed.)

E. H. RAWLINGS,

B. F. LIPSCOMB,

O. L. MARTIN,

R. FERGUSON,

J. E. CLARKE,

J. R. GRIFFITH,

W. J. KIDD,

J. C. REED,

F. B. WATSON,

JAS. CANNON, JR.

EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

We report this year 187 Leagues with 10,275 members—an increase over last year of 11 Leagues, 953 members. The statistical increase is gratifying; but another feature is even more so, and that is, the increasing care and thoroughness with which the work is being developed. We urge the organization of Leagues in all our churches not only, but the enthusiastic, patient, persistent development of all the departments, believing that no plan of organization is superior to the one outlined in the League constitution.

The Literary Department is still much neglected, as according to the report of our General Secretary is the case throughout the connection. Great care is given by the General Board to the selection of books for the reading course, and we commend its adoption to all the Leagues. In many chapters classes for Bible study are found very profitable.

We call attention to a new feature of the work provided for in the latest issue of the constitution, viz: the Missionary Branch of the Devotional Department. Let the Missionary Committee be promptly appointed and missionary meetings regularly held.

The Student Volunteer Campaign movement we believe to be one of the most significant of our generation, and trust that the Leagues everywhere will open their doors and hearts to its representatives.

The "Campaign" Library, embracing fifteen volumes of missionary literature, is furnished by our House at very liberal discount, costing only \$10 net, and will prove a most instructive, interesting and inspiring course of missionary study for our young people.

We think the action of the State Epworth League Council, in discarding the former plan of "special" for the support of Rev. C. T. Collyar and wife, missionaries in Korea, wise; but hope that, by whatever plan, he be continued in this promising field, the young Methodists of Virginia will still feel that he is their special representative, and give him the support of their interest and prayers.

The Junior League is thought by some who have tried it to be even a more valuable adjunct in the work of the Church than the Senior League. There need be no comparison. The Junior League is very closely related to and prepares the way for the Senior, and should be utilized whenever at all practicable.

We concur in the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests regarding the

Epworth Era, our Epworth League general organ. Last year your Committee on Epworth Leagues said: "One of the greatest needs of the work at this time is a live, wide-awake, judicious paper." We believe the Church has already such a paper. Without reservation of any sort, we commend the *Epworth Era* to the patronage of our people, young and old; believing that it has no superior as a young people's paper in this country. We rejoice in the success of the editor, Dr. H. M. DuBoze, in his efforts to increase the subscription list, and recommend that our Leagues assist him by organizing subscription clubs, in which special and very liberal rates are secured. It is with great pleasure we note the success attending the work of our brilliant and efficient General Secretary, Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., and pledge him our enthusiastic support and co-operation in all his efforts to bring the Epworth League to the highest possible point of development and prosperity.

We have carefully considered the paper referred to us by the Conference concerning the establishment of a Conference Orphanage, and report a unanimous and most enthusiastic sentiment in favor of such an enterprise, and recommend the appointment by the Conference of a committee, who shall take the whole matter under advisement, with full power to act in the premises; provided, they incur no debt, and who shall report at the next session of the Conference. We recommend the following brethren for appointment upon that committee: Revs. A. Coke Smith, W. J. Young and E. H. Rawlings, and Brothers P. T. Barrow, E. G. Moseley, S. S. Lambeth, Jr., W. H. Vincent, S. Q. Collins and W. W. Smith.

E. H. RAWLINGS, *Chairman.*

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on Bible Cause beg leave to make the following report:

1. *Operations and Results in our own Conference.*—In this territory, the Virginia Bible Society, through its agent and colporters, have circulated thousands of Bibles. This Society is the next to the oldest Bible Society in the world, having been organized in 1813.

The number of Bibles distributed by it in the State of Virginia last year is reported as 12,229, of which there were donated 1,152. To meet the expenses of this work, there was contributed by the people of Virginia \$2,902.51, of which amount our Church people contributed \$762.22, as nearly as we can ascertain. Our Church is second in contributions, the Presbyterian being first. The collections show a gratifying result in the fact that they show an advance on former years. But if the appreciation of God's Word be measured by the contributions made towards its distribution (being less than one cent per member), it makes a bad showing. The charity in giving God's Word to those who are without it appears to be that kind which begins at home and stays at home, and leaves outside barbarians to grope in heathenish darkness.

Our Church and people ought to heed the command, *to go forward.*

2. *In raising the funds needed by the American Bible Society in doing the great work of supplying the millions of people who have not God's Word.*—This great Society circulated last year 1,362,273 copies of the Bible and parts of the Bible; 740,138 were sent to foreign countries. In the last twenty-five years, this Society has circulated 32,448,136 copies. The Bible is printed by this Society in fifty-seven languages and dialects, besides the English. It needs but a little consideration to cause our wonder and admiration of this great work. Our Church in every field of its mis-

sion work is sharing the blessed fruit of this Society's work. Our missionaries, wherever they go—whether on our Western borders and our mountain fastnesses or in our foreign stations—have the seed corn ready for sowing beside all waters.

Our Church should esteem it not only a duty, but a privilege, to be a co-worker in this great evangelizing work.

This great work assumes new importance just now from the fact that Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands, long debarred from the light of God's Word, will soon have all barriers removed.

While the commercial world is preparing to supply these newly-opened lands with its fabrics and merchandise, shall the Church be less wise and aggressive than those who furnish the things which perish in the using?

This Conference, by the active co-operation of all its ministers and people, should rise at once to the height of its great opportunity, as becomes them who have so long enjoyed the blessing of open Bibles, free for all to read and study its great truths.

We offer the following:

1. We rejoice in the increased contributions to the Bible Cause in our State.
2. That we will seek to further advance this great cause by carrying out faithfully the requirements of the Discipline, which makes it obligatory on every charge to take up a collection for the Bible Cause, and thus do our part in this great work.
3. That the Treasurer of our Conference be directed to remit all amounts contributed by our charges in the State of Maryland to the Agent of the Maryland Bible Society.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD IRBY,
W. V. TUDOR,
W. E. JUDKINS.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report, that a careful study of the present status of the temperance reform must give a feeling of joy and of sadness to the sincere lover of his country, of his Church and of his Divine Saviour.

Rapid advance in public sentiment toward prohibitory laws can but be gratifying; the fact that such advance has not yet reached the completion of a work so intimately connected with the spread of Scripture truth and the salvation of souls can hardly fail to give sadness.

It is believed that our pastors and church officials agree to the plain statements of the book of Discipline, and, hence, so far as we know, among them there is general freedom from complicity with the traffic in ardent spirits, either by actually engaging in the commerce, or by renting property therefor. It is, however, much to be regretted that many citizens yet fail to have more than a theoretical opposition to the saloon. By the inactivity of such (some of them professing Christians), the bar-room still carries on its work of moral ruin. The young men of the country are now, as heretofore, tempted to dissipation by the varied appliances of music and games of so-called amusement afforded by persons gifted with the authority of the State to put the bottle to their visitors' lips. This authority, so detrimental to every interest of Church and State, could long ago have been taken away, and the sorrows of many households could thereby have been ended, had it been fact that every professed Christian had given his vote as well as his prayers to the destruction of the license system.

The doctrine that liquor vending cannot be licensed without sin, carries with it the evident sequence that to vote for such license is to partake of the crime; but we should also as plainly see that to neglect to vote against an evil is to connive at its existence, and hence to incur responsibility for its continuance.

The paper referred to your committee from the American Anti-Saloon League has been considered, and the resolutions offered below will meet the request therein made, if adopted. The resolutions are:

1st. *Resolved*, That this Conference is as much as ever opposed to the licensing of saloons or other places for the traffic in intoxicants, and we would urge our membership to use all legitimate means for suppressing such trade.

2d. *Resolved*, That the request of the American Anti-Saloon League be complied with, in the election of two delegates to the meeting to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, and one member of the Board of Directors of said League.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. EDWARDS, *Chairman*.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Board of Church Extension had at its disposal \$2,069.27, being 50 per cent. of \$4,128.55, and \$5.00 brought over from last year. After careful examination of all the applications, we have made the following appropriations:

Grace, Spotsylvania Circuit, Rappahannock District.....	\$ 85 00
Heathsville, Heathsville Circuit, Rappahannock District.....	165 00
West Point, West Point Station, Richmond District.....	125 00
Dearington, Memorial Station, Lynchburg District.....	225 00
Smithville, Charlotte Circuit, Farmville District.....	50 00
Carmel, Westmoreland Circuit, Rappahannock District.....	175 00
Jones, Sussex Circuit, Petersburg District.....	100 00
Big Island, North Bedford Circuit, Lynchburg District.....	235 00
Highland, West Franklin Circuit, Danville District.....	150 00
St. John's, Cascade Circuit, Danville District.....	50 00
Gloucester Point Chapel, Gloucester Point Circuit, Richmond District....	150 00
Olive Branch, South Brunswick Circuit, Petersburg District.....	75 00
Bethel, Princess Anne Circuit, Norfolk District.....	165 00
Emmanuel, Whealon Circuit, Rappahannock District.....	300 00
J. W. Fergusson & Son, for printing.....	4 25
W. G. Bates, postage, etc.....	75

Total..... \$2,055 00

We invite your attention to the noble work done by the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society. From the report of the Secretary of this Society we note that \$1,886.71 were raised during the year, which is an increase of \$442.76 over last year. This Society has aided four parsonages within the bounds of our Conference, besides sending help to needy points in the West.

The following are the officers of the Conference Society for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. W. J. Young, Norfolk, Va.

First Vice-President—Mrs. A. E. Waite, Richmond, Va.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. T. McN. Simpson, Farmville, Va.

Treasurer—Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Lynchburg, Va.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. N. Moorman, Lynchburg, Va.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. E. Wall, Farmville, Va.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Richmond District—Miss Rebecca Hardwicke, Richmond, Va.

West Richmond District—Mrs. R. E. Michaels, Richmond, Va.

Rappahannock District—(To be supplied.)

Charlottesville District—(To be supplied.)

Lynchburg District—Mrs. E. S. Moorman, Rustburg, Va.

Danville District—Mrs. J. E. Schoolfield, Danville, Va.

Farmville District—Mrs. J. R. Martin, Farmville, Va.
Petersburg District—Mrs. J. D. Lumsden, Petersburg, Va.
Portsmouth District—Mrs. C. C. Wertenbaker, Smithfield, Va.
Norfolk District—Mrs. J. C. Norsworthy, Norfolk, Va.
Eastern Shore District—Mrs. R. H. Potts, Salisbury, Md.

The amount assessed by the parent Board on this Conference for the ensuing year for Church Extension is \$7,000.

J. WILEY BLEDSOE, *Chairman*.

W. G. BATES, *Secretary*.

RECOMMENDATION IN THE CASE OF JAMES CANNON, Jr.

We, your committee appointed to report upon the complaint made against James Cannon, Jr., by Paul Whitehead and William P. Wright, and to "recommend action thereon," offer our report as follows:

We began our work promptly, and have continued it with all diligence, giving patient and thorough consideration to the allegations, evidence and arguments, both of the complainants and of the accused.

The complaint is in the following terms:

"We complain against James Cannon, Jr., that he wrote and published in the *Methodist Recorder* and *Southern Methodist Recorder* during the Conference year 1897-'8, certain articles which were unjust, uncharitable and offensive to ourselves and other members of the Conference; and we specially refer to articles which have been marked and commented upon in the presence of the committee, and the papers containing them, as well as copies of the *Nashville Advocate*, to which reference had been made in the articles of James Cannon, Jr., and left in the possession of the Secretary of the Committee.

"We complain that these articles are calculated to disturb the peace, harmony and brotherly concord of the Conference; that if tolerated and uncondemned they render the passage of character of no effect, and are in themselves 'calculated to provoke a breach of the peace,' and are, under the laws of the State of Virginia, 'actionable.'

PAUL WHITEHEAD,
WM. P. WRIGHT."

In support of this complaint, evidence both documentary and oral was presented, and full argument was made by the complainants. In denial of it, documentary evidence was offered, many witnesses were examined, and lengthy argument was made by the accused. Thereafter the committee consulted together freely, and carefully considered the various matters that had been brought to their attention. As the result of our deliberations, we submit the following statements:

1. We do not believe that Brothers Whitehead and Wright, in preferring the complaint, have been actuated by personal ill-will, or any other unworthy motive.

2. We do not believe that Brother Cannon, in any of the utterances complained of, has intended to be unjust or uncharitable, or needlessly offensive to his brethren.

3. We are of the opinion, however, that Brother Cannon has sometimes expressed himself in terms so strong and uncompromising, as to produce upon the mind of the average reader or hearer the impression of uncharitableness, and occasionally in terms that are justly offensive to the persons under criticism. And we advise Brother Cannon to so guard his utterances in future as, while maintaining all due loyalty to his conscientious convictions, to avoid even the appearance of unkindness.

4. We recommend that Brother Cannon's character pass.

J. T. MASTIN,	J. T. WHITLEY,
J. E. DESHAZO,	R. H. MULLEN,
B. E. LEDBETTER,	T. G. PULLEN,
W. T. GREEN,	W. R. CROWDER,
W. B. BEAUCHAMP.	

Conference Entertainment.

The subjoined statement of receipts and disbursements, on account of Conference Entertainment at Portsmouth, Va., November 16-23rd, 1898, has been received from the "Local Committee," duly signed by L. B. Betty, Chairman, and George L. Neville, Treasurer, and is published as required by the Conference.

ALEX. G. BROWN,
Chairman Conference Committee.

NAMES.	HOUSES OF ENTERTAINMENT.	NO. OF DAYS.	PER DAY.	TOTAL.
W. L. Ware.....	Mrs. L. J. Boole.	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	.....	\$6 25
W. L. Jones.....	"	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	.....	6 25
Mr. McSparran.....	Mrs. E. J. Peele.	9	.....	7 00
R. E. Blackwell.....	"	8	.....	6 00
Mr. Younger.....	Mrs. Bettie L. Vincent.	7	.....	5 00
Mr. Minor.....	"	7	.....	5 00
Mr. Rawlings.....	"	3	.....	3 00
J. M. Williams.....	Mrs. Lumley.	.....	.....	4 75
D. J. Evans.....	"	.....	.....	5 00
D. M. Pattie.....	"	.....	.....	5 00
J. H. Kabler.....	"	.....	.....	5 00
E. P. Parham.....	"	.....	.....	5 00
J. W. Eure.....	"	.....	.....	3 00
L. J. Hyslop.....	Mrs. Mary M. Cross.	.....	.....	5 00
T. C. Kellam.....	"	.....	.....	5 00
M. E. Gary.....	"	.....	.....	5 00
Miss Mary Bruce.....	Mrs Fannie Smith.	3	.....	3 00
Mr. Elam.....	Mrs. Laura F. Hunter.	4	.....	4 00
Mr. Clark.....	"	7	.....	5 00
Mr. Adams.....	"	7	.....	5 00
Mr. Covington.....	"	4	.....	4 00
Mr. Davis.....	"	8	.....	6 00
Mr. Sewell.....	"	9	.....	7 00
E. J. Potts }	Hotel Portsmouth.	.....	.....	21 00
J. E. Potts }	"	.....	.....	8 00
J. H. Wall.....	"	.....	.....	8 50
D. J. Traynham.....	"	.....	.....	8 50
W. J. Kidd.....	"	.....	.....	8 50
R. T. Clarke.....	"	.....	.....	8 50
L. L. Martin.....	"	.....	.....	7 00
C. W. Turner.....	"	.....	.....	8 00
C. A. Hamilton.....	"	.....	.....	8 00
R. O. Payne.....	"	.....	.....	7 50
Levi D. Travers.....	"	.....	.....	7 00
P. E. Hines.....	"	.....	.....	75
Dr. J. M. Williams.....	Hotel Madison.	9	\$1 00	9 00
L. Q. Rhodes.....	"	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 00	8 75
Dr. G. Anderson.....	"	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 00	9 75
J. S. Wallace.....	"	8	1 00	8 00
W. E. Thompson.....	"	9	1 00	9 00
E. H. Rowe.....	"	7	1 00	7 00
B. F. Lipscomb.....	"	9	1 00	9 00
James Cannon, Jr.....	"	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 00	9 50
C. L. Bane.....	"	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 00	9 50
W. F. Hays.....	"	4	1 25	5 00
P. L. Cobb.....	"	9	1 00	9 00
J. R. Griffith.....	"	9	1 00	9 00
James Cannon.....	"	9	1 00	9 00
N. H. Robertson.....	"	2	1 25	2 50
H. M. DuBose.....	"	8	1 00	8 00
A. M. Lyon.....	"	9	1 00	9 00
J. W. Parrish.....	"	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 00	7 25
J. D. Hank.....	"	9	1 00	9 00
R. B. Blankenship.....	"	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 00	8 50
R. V. Petross.....	"	9	1 00	9 00
M. S. Collonna.....	"	7	1 00	7 00
A. M. McMath.....	"	3	1 25	3 75
W. E. Homes.....	"	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 00	8 25
J. S. Peters.....	"	7	1 00	7 00
A. M. Hall.....	"	.....	.....	1 65
John E. Mapp.....	"	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 00	8 25
Geo. H. Spooner.....	"	.....	.....	.....

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY,

NORFOLK, VA., November 15, 1898.

To the President and Directors of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans:

BRETHREN,—I present herewith a statement of my receipts and disbursements for your Society for the fiscal year November 12, 1897, to November 15, 1898, inclusive.

RECEIPTS.

1897.		
Nov. 12—Balance on Hand.....	\$2,758 32	
Dec. 11—On account of M. A. Maynard loan.....	432 03	
31—J. D. Lumsden annuity fund.....	6 50	
1898.		
Jan. 8—Balance of M. A. Maynard loan.....	267 97	
Mar. 5—J. H. Gaskins' loan paid off.....	1,000 00	
May 5—M. Glennan loan paid.....	3,000 00	
July 25—L. Clay Kilby, Treasurer, loan paid off.....	1,000 00	
Aug. 19—Call loans collected.....	2,600 19	
Sept. 26—On account of T. F. Southgate loan.....	1,500 00	
Oct. 13—W. B. Browne et als. loan paid off.....	1,000 00	
Nov. 2—W. C. Henley loan paid off.....	1,300 00	
15—Subscriptions to date.....	378 50	
15—Interest on loans.....	2,022 96	
		\$17,266 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.		
Nov. 24—Appropriations.....	\$1,000 00	
Dec. 11—Safe deposit box rent.....	3 00	
1898.		
Jan. 19—Interest on Lumsden fund to January 1.....	51 09	
Feb. 19—Loan to Julius G. Lohman.....	1,000 00	
April 9—Aug. 19—Sundry call loans.....	2,600 19	
May 5—Loan to L. Clay Kilby.....	3,200 00	
July 9—Interest on Lumsden fund to July 1.....	51 09	
Oct. 13—Loan to W. B. Browne and others.....	2,100 00	
Nov. 10—Secretary and Treasurer.....	150 00	
14—Loan to Louis N. Langballe.....	6,000 00	
14—Commissions on collections.....	4 00	
		16,159 37
Balance in Bank.....		\$ 1,107 10

The assets of the Society are as follows:

Cash in bank.....	\$ 1,107 10
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NOTES AND BONDS:

Julian Russell.....	\$3,000 00
S. Marks.....	3,500 00
Jas. E. Martin.....	1,200 00
S. & W. B. Meredith.....	1,000 00

F. H. & E. J. Frost.....	1,500 00	
W. W. Wilson.....	2,000 00	
W. C. Cobb and Aaron Milhado.....	3,000 00	
Kate L. Crockett.....	1,500 00	
B. A. Tyree.....	1,000 00	
W. B. Browne and others.....	2,100 00	
T. S. Southgate.....	2,000 00	
Julius G. Lohman.....	1,000 00	
L. Clay Kilby.....	3,200 00	
Louis N. Langballe.....	6,000 00	
	<hr/>	32,000 00
Total.....		\$33,107 10
J. D. Lumsden annuity fund.....	\$ 1,709 39	
Other assets.....	31,397 71	
	<hr/>	\$33,107 10
Assets 1898.....		\$33,107 10
Assets 1897.....		31,958 32
Increase.....		<hr/> \$ 1,148 78 <hr/>

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. VICAR, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

E. V. WHITE,

S. Q. COLLINS,

Auditing Committee.

APPROPRIATIONS NOVEMBER, 1898.

Miss Mollie Scott.....	\$25	Rev. J. W. Heckman.....	\$25
Rev. R. N. Crooke.....	25	Mrs. J. W. Hildrup.....	25
Miss Mary L. Rosser.....	40	Miss Lulie C. Tucker.....	20
Mrs. Jno. Bayley.....	25	Mrs. Jos. Lear.....	25
Rev. A. M. Hall.....	20	Rev. E. M. Jordan.....	25
Miss Annie Wilson.....	15	Rev. W. R. Smithy.....	25
Rev. H. T. Bacon.....	50	Rev. H. F. B. Martin.....	25
Rev. R. H. Mullen.....	30	Mrs. G. C. Vanderslice.....	25
Rev. C. R. James.....	35	Rev. B. F. Smith.....	25
Mrs. W. E. Payne.....	40	Rev. R. L. Wingfield.....	20
Rev. W. F. Bain.....	50	Rev. C. E. Blankinship.....	20
Rev. A. L. Carson.....	40	Mrs. J. W. Blincoe.....	25
Mrs. J. A. Duncan.....	60	Rev. W. R. Evans.....	20
Mrs. G. M. Wright.....	50	Rev. A. A. Whitmore.....	40
Rev. Geo. E. Booker.....	60	Rev. T. J. Bayton.....	20
Mrs. E. P. Wilson.....	25	Mrs. J. H. Proctor.....	25
Mrs. J. W. Tucker.....	15	Rev. C. S. Wamsley.....	35
Mrs. T. M. Beckham.....	20	Mrs. J. H. Patteson.....	50
			<hr/> \$1,100

IX.

THE CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD.

The command of Christ, our supreme Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," has not lost its authority and force.

It is as applicable to us, and as binding upon us, as it was to those to whom it was first so impressively given. The Church that ignores this command is false and disloyal to Christ. The believer who evinces no interest in the heathen, and who is unwilling to make sacrifices for their salvation, knows very little of the mind of Christ. He whose dominating motive in his Christian life is the love of Christ and the sincere desire to be conformed to his life and character, will necessarily feel and manifest the deepest solicitude in behalf of the perishing millions of the world.

The outlook for the cause of Foreign Missions is brightening continually, and should prove an inspiration to the Church. Macedonian calls are coming from many nations, and Providential occurrences and openings indicate very clearly the imperative duty and solemn responsibility of the Church.

It is a source of gratification to us that our own beloved Church is not indifferent to the signs of the times as they relate to the growth of Christianity, and that earnest efforts are being made to impart missionary intelligence and to quicken missionary zeal throughout the entire Church.

Our missions are in a healthy state, and our missionaries, both men and women, constitute a noble and efficient corps of workers. They are eminently deserving of our sympathy and support.

We note the emphasis given by our last General Conference to the missionary cause in connection with our Sunday-school work. The following resolution, bearing on this subject, was adopted by the Board, and is commended to the attention of the Conference:

Resolved, That we regard with approval the requirement that our Sunday-schools shall be organized into missionary societies, and will support and co-operate with the institutes, which the Presiding Elders are required to hold, on the subject of missions.

While we stress the importance and necessity of Foreign Missions, yet we cannot underrate our domestic missionary work. There is no conflict between the two. The obligation to maintain both is equally strong and authoritative, and the proper maintenance of the one will undoubtedly assist the other.

The apostles were commanded to begin at Jerusalem the work of propagating the gospel, and to go thence to the regions beyond, and this same policy should be pursued by the Church of this age.

Your Board is doing most excellent work in this direction. We are assisting sixty-seven missions, and the reports which have been submitted to us this year indicate that the money thus used is judiciously expended. Lambert's Point,

Cabell Street, Danville, and Amelia have relinquished their claims upon the Board, and others will do likewise in a short time.

The Board is ready to use its best exertions in behalf of every field of promise that appeals to its consideration.

Our different missions are served, in the main, by an earnest and diligent corps of workers, and those who are serving our more prosperous charges should keep themselves in touch with this self-sacrificing class of men.

The Board will pay this year dollar for dollar on its appropriations.

The Board would call special attention to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This enterprise has grown steadily from its inception, and is now an acknowledged factor of potency in the dissemination of the gospel. In our own Conference, its progress has been marked. There are now within our bounds one hundred and sixty-five auxiliaries, and the total amount raised this year by them is \$7,254.83. A properly conducted Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in any charge will prove a blessing to it. Let no pastor, therefore, hesitate to organize one. These noble and godly women are our helpers in the Lord's work. Let us, therefore, encourage and sustain them as our co-laborers in the vineyard of Christ.

It is with pleasure that we note the advancement of the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society. This Society, like its older sister, is doing a work of great importance and value to the Church, and deserves the recognition and sympathy of every pastor and every lover of our Lord. Its outlook for increasing usefulness in our Conference is promising.

The Rosebuds, that large and formidable army of little workers for Christ, are not lagging in interest or declining in influence. Their work speaks for them. They have raised this year \$3,442.29. "A little child shall lead them." May the efforts of the children of the Church to advance the kingdom of Christ stimulate the older members to renewed exertion and consecration.

We have raised this year for Foreign Missions the sum of \$16,719.14, and for Domestic Missions, \$9,787.68.

The Board assesses \$13,500 for the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

L. B. BETTY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I. FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From pastoral charges.....	\$16,817 29*
“ half of collection at missionary anniversary	35 11
“ a friend	20 00
	<u>\$16,872 40</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remittances to Treasurer Board of Missions, Nashville, Tenn., as follows:

1898.

Jan. 6—Rev. C. H. Green, East Dinwiddie.....	8 00
Feb. 18—Rev. John O. Moss, Lunenburg.....	13 00
Mar. 10—Rev. W. W. Royall, Chase City	100 00
25—Rev. J. L. Spencer, Burkeville.....	40 00
26—Rev. T. McN. Simpson, Farmville.....	224 00
31—W. W. Vicar, Treas. Va. Conf. Board of Missions..	122 00
April 6—Rev. W. V. Tudor, Centenary, Richmond.....	150 00
8—Rev. J. S. Peters, Barton Heights.....	70 00
11—Rev. B. S. Herrink, Mecklenburg.....	60 00
22—Rev. B. F. Lipscomb, Washington Ave.....	100 00
May 5—Rev. B. M. Beckham, Asbury.....	30 00
June 22—John Victor, Jr., Memorial, Lynchburg.....	365 80
July 16—Rev. L. B. Betty, Monumental.....	50 00
Sept. 5—Rev. John O. Moss, Lunenburg.....	33 38
26—Rev. John O. Moss, Lunenburg.....	17 00
Dec. 2—W. W. Vicar, Treas. Va. Conf. Board of Missions..	15,489 22
	<u>\$16,872 40</u>

* Fifteen dollars of this amount from High Street Church, Petersburg, for the Corean Mission of the Virginia Epworth Leagues.

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer*.

II. RALLY DAY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Beaver Dam Sunday-school.....	\$ 2 15
Carsley “	2 66
Franklin “	8 93
Rip Raps “	5 00
Bowers Hill “	2 56
	<u>\$21 30</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remittances to J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer:

1898.

Nov. 9—Franklin Sunday-school	\$ 8 93
9—Rip Raps “	5 00
14—Bowers Hill “	2 56
Dec. 2—W. W. Vicar, Treasurer.....	4 81
	<u>\$21 30</u>

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer*.

III. DOMESTIC MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Conference.....	\$4,205 14	
On special collection last Conference..	90 00	
From pastoral charges.....	9,825 40	
From half collection at missionary anniversary.....	35 10	
From a friend.....	10 00	
		\$14,165 64

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid appropriations as follows:

S. C. Hatcher, Denny Street.....	\$ 100 00
W. B. Beauchamp, St. James.....	200 00
W. E. Moore, Charles City.....	100 00
A. S. J. Rice, West New Kent.....	150 00
J. T. Sewell, Chickahominy.....	100 00
W. E. Bullard, West Point.....	200 00
J. N. Latham, Williamsburg..	175 00
M. S. Colonna, Jr., Chestnut Street, Newport News	150 00
J. Sydney Peters, Barton Heights.....	100 00
C. H. Boggs, Highland Park..	150 00
T. E. Johnson, Goochland	100 00
J. E. McSparran, West Goochland.....	200 00
W. D. Mower, East Louisa.....	100 00
T. Burton, Powhatan.....	150 00
Porter Hardy, King William.....	100 00
W. H. Riddick, West Chesterfield.....	75 00
C. H. Williams, Spotsylvania.....	150 00
W. F. Hayes, Bowling Green.....	200 00
R. E. Bentley, King and Queen.....	100 00
C. F. Comer, Gordonsville.....	225 00
J. D. Langley, Belmont and Rose Hill.....	175 00
R. G. James, Woodville	175 00
B. F. Smith, Milton.....	250 00
Geo. E. Booker, Jr., Orange.....	75 00
L. C. Shearer, Trinity	200 00
W. C. Pace, Staunton River.....	150 00
J. K. Clayton, South View and Providence.....	200 00
L. J. Phaup, Madison.....	300 00
J. C. Harry, Floyd Street.....	200 00
J. O. Babcock, Cabell Street.....	100 00
H. W. Dunkley, Washington Street.....	125 00
H. C. Gregory, Washington Street.....	25 00
S. H. Johnson, Pittsylvania.....	50 00
T. P. Duke, North Pittsylvania.....	100 00
C. E. Blankinship, West Franklin.....	150 00
R. C. Garland, Middle Franklin.....	100 00
W. T. A. Haynes, East Halifax.....	150 00
H. F. B. Martin, Patrick.....	150 00
J. B. Lavinder, Meadows of Dan.....	150 00

B. P. Hylton, Meadows of Dan.....	50 00	
P. H. Clements, West Lunenburg.....	150 00	
E. P. Parham, Clarksville.....	100 00	
A. L. Carson, South of Dan.....	100 00	
R. H. Mullen, Hyco.....	175 00	
Mrs. J. L. Spencer, Burkeville.....	58 34	
J. E. McCulloch, Burkeville.....	41 66	
E. V. Carson, Amelia.....	50 00	
R. A. Compton, Blackstone.....	200 00	
R. B. Blankinship, Ettrick.....	125 00	
R. E. Barrett, Blandford.....	250 00	
J. W. Stiff, Wesley.....	200 00	
W. R. Evans, West Street.....	100 00	
F. W. Proctor, Matoaca.....	100 00	
J. R. Sturgis, Nottoway.....	175 00	
J. H. Kabler, East Suffolk and Magnolia.....	300 00	
R. T. Waterfield, Owens Memorial.....	300 00	
D. B. Austin, Ebenezer.....	100 00	
F. G. Davis, Whaleyville and Somerton.....	100 00	
W. E. Judkins, Lekies Memorial.....	150 00	
R. W. Webb, Huntersville.....	150 00	
Paul Bradley, Liberty Street.....	350 00	
G. H. Spooner, Lambert's Point.....	100 00	
J. W. Baker, Oaklette and Gilmerton.....	125 00	
A. A. Jones, Haygood and Lynnhaven.....	150 00	
J. E. Brooks, Dorchester.....	75 00	
J. D. Hosier, South Dorchester.....	100 00	
G. E. B. Smith, Hog Island.....	100 00	
Geo. W. Jones, Cape Charles City.....	200 00	
E. L. Peerman, Berlin.....	100 00	
C. W. Cain, Cambridge Circuit.....	100 00	
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	\$10,025 00	
Postage, printing, stationery, etc.....	10 71	
Revenue stamps.....	1 50	
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	10,037 21	
Balance in hands of R. N. Sledd, President.....	4,128 43	
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	<u>\$14,165 64</u>	

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

ROSEBUD MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1897-'98.

RECEIPTS.

From November 10, 1897, to November 10, 1898, inclusive:

	Dues, etc.	Special Funds.	Total.
Richmond District	\$267 33	\$ 84 02	\$351 35
West Richmond District.....	183 71	146 33	330 04
Rappahannock District.....	326 34	14 43	340 77
Charlottesville District.....	156 12	36 79	192 91
Lynchburg District.....	170 68	97 96	268 64
Danville District.....	188 31	180 79	369 10
Farmville District.....	224 24	54 34	278 58
Petersburg District.....	213 84	40 69	254 53
Portsmouth District.....	237 24	62 43	299 67
Norfolk District.....	249 01	142 69	391 70
Eastern Shore District.....	210 86	102 21	313 07
Miscellaneous	7 08	44 85	51 93
	<u>\$2,434 76</u>	<u>\$1,007 53</u>	<u>\$3,442 29</u>

Summary—

Dues, etc.....	\$2,434 76
Seminary Fund.....	908 75
Orphan Fund.....	54 21
Cottage Fund.....	44 57
	<u> </u>
Total receipts for the year.....	\$3,442 29
Cash in bank and on hand November 10, 1897.....	762 12
	<u> </u>
Grand total.....	<u>\$4,204 41</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

From November 10, 1897, to November 10, 1898, inclusive:

INSTITUTO LAURENS —

Salary Principal and Assistant.....	\$1,200 00
Salaries teachers.....	600 00
Expenses two students in Seminary Department.....	80 00
Expenses one orphan in Primary Department.....	8 00
School supplies, traveling expenses of Principal, etc.,	78 36
	<u> </u>
	\$1,966 36
Donations forwarded for Cottage furniture.....	46 99
Taxes, etc., on San Luis Potosi property.....	32 70
	<u> </u>
	\$2,046 05

COTTAGE PLAN—

Publishing Rosebud Souvenir Book.....	\$371 88
Postage and expressage on same.....	41 10
	<u> </u>
	412 98

SEMINARY DEPARTMENT PLAN—		
Printing and mailing Pin-Penny Cards.....	31 52	
Mite-boxes.....	2 50	
		34 02
HOME OFFICE—		
Salary General Secretary and assistants.....	300 00	
Stationery, printing, postage, etc.....	66 30	
		366 30
Total disbursements for the year.....		\$2,859 35
Cash in bank and on hand November 10, 1898.....		1,345 06
Grand total.....		\$4,204 41
New Societies organized.....		16
Life memberships.....		28

FRANK L. KERNS, *Treasurer.*

DISTRICT BANNER SOCIETIES.

Richmond District—Woodward Society, Central, Manchester.
 West Richmond District—Centenary Society, Centenary, Richmond.
 Rappahannock District—Bethany Society, Bethany.
 Charlottesville District—Kabler Society, Scottsville.
 Lynchburg District—Lynchburg Memorial Society.
 Danville District—Patteson Society, Calvary, Danville.
 Farmville District—Daisy Lambeth Society, Crewe.
 Petersburg District—Cheerful Givers, Market Street.
 Portsmouth District—Wilson Society, Hampton.
 Norfolk District—Queen Street Society.
 Eastern Shore District—Johnsontown Society, Eastville.
 CONFERENCE BANNER SOCIETY—Patteson Society, Calvary, Danville.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-'99.

RICHMOND DISTRICT—

Denny Street.....	\$100 00	
St. James.....	100 00	
City Mission.....	200 00	
Asbury, Manchester..	100 00	
Charles City.....	75 00	
West New Kent.....	125 00	
Chickahominy.....	100 00	
West Point.....	175 00	
Williamsburg.....	175 00	
Hasker Memorial.....	100 00	
Chestnut Avenue, Newport News.....	75 00	
		\$1,325 00

WEST RICHMOND DISTRICT—

Highland Park.....	50 00	
Barton Heights.....	150 00	
Epworth.....	100 00	
Goochland.....	100 00	
West Goochland.....	150 00	
East Louisa.....	100 00	
West Chesterfield..	75 00	
King William.....	125 00	
Powhatan.....	100 00	
		950 00

RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT—

Spotsylvania.....	150 00	
Bowling Green.....	200 00	
King and Queen.....	175 00	
		525 00

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT—

Gordonsville.....	200 00	
Belmont and Rose Hill.....	150 00	
Orange.....	100 00	
Woodville.....	150 00	
Milton.....	175 00	
North Nelson.....	175 00	
		950 00

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT—

Trinity.....	200 00	
Madison.....	200 00	
Staunton River.....	150 00	
South View and Providence.....	200 00	
		750 00

DANVILLE DISTRICT—

Floyd Street.....	200 00	
Washington Street.....	150 00	
Pittsylvania.....	50 00	
North Pittsylvania.....	100 00	
West Franklin.....	200 00	

South Franklin.....	50 00	
East Halifax.....	50 00	
Patrick.....	175 00	
Meadows of Dan.....	200 00	
Henry.....	50 00	
Rocky Mount.....	50 00	
	—	1,275 00
FARMVILLE DISTRICT—		
West Lunenburg.....	150 00	
Clarksville.....	100 00	
South of Dan.....	100 00	
Hycos.....	150 00	
Burkeville.....	100 00	
Blackstone.....	150 00	
	—	750 00
PETERSBURG DISTRICT—		
Ettrick.....	75 00	
Blandford.....	250 00	
Wesley.....	200 00	
West Street.....	100 00	
Matoaca.....	100 00	
Nottoway.....	175 00	
Surry.....	200 00	
	—	1,100 00
PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT—		
East Suffolk and Magnolia.....	300 00	
Owens Memorial.....	300 00	
Ebenezer.....	100 00	
Whaleyville and Somerton.....	100 00	
Port Norfolk.....	150 00	
	—	950 00
NORFOLK DISTRICT—		
Lekies Memorial.....	75 00	
Huntersville.....	150 00	
Liberty Street.....	350 00	
Oaklette and Gilmerton.....	200 00	
Ebenezer and Lynnhaven... ..	125 00	
Trinity.....	75 00	
	—	975 00
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—		
Dorchester.....	75 00	
South Dorchester.....	100 00	
Hog Island.....	100 00	
Cape Charles City.....	200 00	
Berlin.....	75 00	
Cambridge Circuit.....	100 00	
	—	650 00
Grand total.. ..		\$ 10,200 00

X.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I. CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Reserve Fund of last year.....	\$ 203 43	
From pastoral charges.....	10,439 42	
“ Publishing House—dividend.....	1,000 00	
“ Trustees of Hall Fund—interest.....	148 00	
“ Sale of Conference Annual, 1897.....	342 70	
“ Advertisements in Conference Annual.....	62 00	
“ A friend	10 00	
		\$12,205 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. W. Fergusson & Son for printing Minutes of 1897...	\$ 348 75
“ Rev. J. O. Moss, collector, per order of Conference.....	10 00
“ Rev. B. F. Lipscomb for traveling expenses, postage, expressage, etc.....	59 58
“ Incidental expenses.....	13 25
“ B. F. Lipscomb and Jas. Cannon, Jr., Secretaries.....	100 00
“ Revenue stamps.....	2 52
	\$ 534 10

Appropriations as follows :

Rev. J. McClelland and wife.....	\$200 00
“ R. N. Crooks and wife.....	200 00
“ A. M. Hall and wife.....	300 00
“ Jas. A. Riddick.....	75 00
“ W. A. Crocker and wife.....	200 00
“ John B. Dey.....	100 00
“ H. T. Bacon and wife.....	200 00
“ J. R. Waggener.....	100 00
“ W. A. Robinson and wife.....	100 00
“ J. F. Brannin and wife.....	300 00
“ T. J. Bayton.....	150 00
“ E. M. Jordan and wife.....	200 00
“ Jno. L. Clarke.....	150 00
“ J. E. Gates and wife.....	150 00

Rev. J. W. Crider and wife.....	300 00
“ W. F. Bain.....	150 00
“ J. P. Woodward and wife.....	200 00
“ C. S. Wamsley and wife.....	300 00
“ H. C. Bowles, wife and two children....	100 00
“ W. A. Laughon and wife.....	200 00
Mrs. D. M. Wallace and child.....	167 00
“ J. B. Laurens.....	75 00
“ Jno. B. Dey.....	100 00
“ E. P. Wilson.....	100 00
“ F. J. Boggs and child.....	140 00
“ T. P. Wise.....	135 00
“ T. M. Beckham	100 00
“ J. M. Arnold	100 00
“ F. A. Davis.....	100 00
“ J. N. Jones	100 00
“ W. W. Bennett.....	100 00
“ J. W. Childs.. ..	150 00
“ W. I. Hunter.....	150 00
“ B. H. Johnson.....	100 00
“ John Bayley.....	100 00
“ Geo. N. Guy.....	100 00
“ Thomas Diggs.....	100 00
“ Charles H. Hall.....	150 00
“ B. F. Tenneille and three children.....	175 00
“ G. M. Wright and two children.....	150 00
“ Jno. D. Blackwell.....	100 00
“ E. H. Pritchett.....	100 00
“ W. G. Williams.....	50 00
“ M. F. Slaughter.....	100 00
“ J. H. Patteson and two children.....	165 00
“ J. W. Blincoe and two children.....	165 00
“ J. F. Twitty and three children.. ..	175 00
“ J. H. Dalby and two children.....	150 00
“ Joseph Lear.....	150 00
“ J. W. Compton and four children... ..	200 00
“ J. H. Crown.....	100 00
“ Jno. G. Rowe.....	100 00
“ E. N. S. Blogg.....	100 00
“ J. C. Garlick.. ..	75 00
“ B. C. Spiller.....	100 00
“ M. C. Pearce	75 00
“ Alex. Stuart.....	100 00
“ James A. Duncan.....	150 00
“ Lloyd Moore.....	100 00
“ Thomas H. Boggs.....	100 00
“ J. W. Tucker and two children.....	150 00
“ John D. Southall.....	100 00
“ J. H. Pike and three children.....	225 00
“ J. W. Hildrup and two children.....	165 00
“ S. W. Eason and child.....	175 00

Mrs. J. C. Martin and two children.....	165 00	
“ W. E. Payne and two children.....	165 00	
“ W. F. Robins.....	50 00	
“ J. H. Proctor,.....	100 00	
“ E. A. Gibbs.....	50 00	
“ W. H. Christian	100 00	
“ A. C. Bledsoe.....	100 00	
“ John A. Smith.....	50 00	
“ E. M. Peterson.....	100 00	
“ T. A. Ware.....	75 00	
Miss Mary Rosser.....	100 00	
“ ——— Michaels.....	50 00	
“ Ella Gibson.....	40 00	
“ Jennie Patterson.....	40 00	
W. H. Gary, special.....	40 00	
Son of Rev. E. M. Peterson, special,.....	40 00	
Funeral expenses of Rev. D. M. Wallace.....	50 00	
“ “ “ Jacob Manning,....	50 00	
“ “ “ L. S. Reed,.....	50 00	
“ “ “ J. J. Edwards.....	50 00	
Rev. J. J. Edwards (five months).....	32 00	
“ Jacob Manning (three months).....	37 50	
Mrs. P. A. Peterson,.....	62 50	
“ J. E. Edwards.....	100 00	
	—————	\$10,934 00
Balance in hands of Rev. A. G. Brown, Chair-		
man Joint Board of Finance.....	737 45	
	—————	\$12,205 55

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

II. CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Conference.....	\$ 5 00	
From pastoral charges.....	4,128 55	
A friend.....	3 00	
	—————	\$ 4,136 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid appropriations as follows:

Grace Church, Spotsylvania Charge, Rappahannock Dis-	
trict.....	\$ 85 00
Heathsville, Heathsville, Rappahannock District.....	165 00
West Point, West Point, Richmond District.....	125 00
Dearington, Memorial, Lynchburg District.....	225 00
Smithville, Charlotte, Farmville District.....	50 00
Carmel, Westmoreland, Rappahannock District,.....	175 00
Jones, Sussex, Petersburg District.....	100 00
Big Island, North Bedford, Lynchburg District,.....	235 00
Highland, West Franklin, Danville District.....	150 00
St. Johns, Cascade, Danville District.....	50 00
Gloucester Point, Gloucester Point, Richmond District,,	150 00

Olive Branch, South Brunswick, Petersburg District.....	75 00	
Bethel, Princess Anne, Norfolk District.....	165 00	
Emmanuel, Whealton, Rappahannock District.....	300 00	
	<u>\$2,050 00</u>	
J. W. Fergusson & Son for printing.....	4 25	
W. G. Bates for postage.....	75	
Revenue stamps.....	34	
Rev. P. H. Whisner, Secretary Church Extension Board, Louisville, Ky., one-half of \$4,131.55.....	2,065 77	
	<u> </u>	\$ 4,121 11
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....		<u>\$ 15 44</u>

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

III. GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Conference, per statement.....	\$ 1,752 81	
Interest.....	11 43	
From pastoral charges, November, 1898.....	293 00	
From Rev. O. Littleton, P. E. Lynchburg District.....	10 00	
From Rev. J. G. Lennon, Caroline.....	1 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,068 24

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remittances to Barbee & Smith, Agents:

1898.

Jan'y 25. By W. W. Vicar, Treasurer.....	\$ 1,764 24	
April 18. By Rev. E. P. Parham.....	1 00	
May 5. By Rev. W. E. Edwards.....	10 00	
“ 6. By Rev. R. N. Sledd.....	18 48	
“ 14. By Rev. Paul Whitehead.....	7 00	
“ 31. By Rev. Paul Whitehead.....	1 00	
By Rev. Paul Whitehead.....	2 00	
	<u> </u>	1,803 72
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....		<u>\$ 264 52</u>

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

IV. ANNUAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Conference, per statement.....	\$ 1,065 82	
Refunded by Danville Committee of Entertainment.....	44 80	
Interest on same.....	45 35	
From pastoral charges, November, 1898.....	1,013 96	
	<u> </u>	\$2,169 93

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid expenses of Portsmouth Conference, per statement of Local Committee of Entertainment.....	600 82	
Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman.....		<u>\$ 1,569 11</u>

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

V. EDUCATIONAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From pastoral charges.....	\$ 2,938 58	
A friend.....	5 00	
		\$ 2,943 58

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Rich'd Irby, Sec'y and Treas. Randolph-Macon College..	\$ 2,416 17	
Paid Rev. J. D. Hammond, Sec'y Gen'l Board of Education...	389 35	
Paid Rev. J. D. Hammond, Sec'y for Paine & Lane Institute..	138 06	
		<u>\$ 2,943 58</u>

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

VI. BISHOP'S FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From pastoral charges.....	\$2,810 29	
A friend.....	2 00	
		<u>\$2,812 29</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents of Publishing House.....	<u>\$2,812 29</u>
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W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

VII. CHILDREN'S DAY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From pastoral charges.....	\$1,385 25
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid D. M. Smith, Treasurer General Conference Sunday-school Board, 10%	\$138 52	
Rev. J. D. Hammond, Sec'y Board of Education, 10%..	138 53	
Rev. T. O. Edwards, Treasurer Virginia Conference Sunday-school Board, 80%	\$1,108 20	
		<u>\$1,385 25</u>

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

VIII. BIBLE SOCIETY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From pastoral charges in Virginia.....	\$723 23	
pastoral charges in Maryland.....	6 01	
		<u>\$729 24</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remittances to Bible Society of Virginia, viz:	
1897.	
Nov. 20—Memorial Church, Lynchburg.....	\$1 00
20—Bedford City.....	1 00
30—Drake's Branch.....	2 28

1898.	
Jan. 17—Broad Street, Richmond.....	1 00
29—Chase City Circuit.....	7 00
Feb. 5—Washington Street, Petersburg.....	3 00
9—Centenary, Richmond.....	47 25
17—Washington Street, Petersburg.....	1 00
Mar. 11—Newport News.....	1 00
15—West End, Hampton.....	6 69
18—Macedonia, Louisa Co.....	1 77
18—Chase City Circuit.....	2 05
22—Ashland Circuit.....	6 80
30—Broad Street, Richmond.....	1 00
31—Ashland Circuit.....	2 00
April 20—Heathsville Circuit.....	15 00
May 2—Park Place, Richmond..	25
26—Bedford City.....	1 00
June 21—Centenary, Richmond.....	1 00
July 13—Park Place, Richmond.....	1 00
Sept. 3—West Hanover Circuit.....	5 13
24—Monumental, Portsmouth.....	21 50
Oct. 4—Centenary, Richmond.....	1 00
4—Monumental, Portsmouth.....	1 00
6—Martinsville.....	5 00
19—South Boston.....	4 00
26—Keller Circuit.....	7 37
Nov. 10—Clarksville Circuit.....	4 00
17—Court Street, Lynchburg.....	3 00
	<u>\$155 09</u>
Paid Bible Society of Virginia, by W. W. Vicar, Treasurer,	568 14
Maryland Bible Society, by W. W. Vicar, Treasurer...	6 01
	<u><u>\$729 24</u></u>
W. W. VICAR, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

IX. VIRGINIA CONFERENCE ANNUAL.

RECEIPTS.

From preachers..... \$328 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Rev. A. G. Brown, Chairman Joint Board of Finance.. \$328 05

W. W. VICAR, *Treasurer.*

RERORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., November 21st, 1898.

The Joint Board of Finance has had under consideration the paper referred to them on the subject of "Homes for our Homeless Widows, Orphans, and Superannuated Preachers," and begs leave to report as follows:

1st. That the experience of many years shows an increasing demand for just such a provision for the worthy claimants on our Conference Fund as the paper submitted by Dr. Brown proposes to supply; and his generous offer to start the enterprise by a gift of \$1,000, and the tender of his services on behalf of this noble charity, without compensation, gives ground to hope that at no very distant day the Conference will possess a valuable property for the purpose above indicated and described.

2d. The plan on which Dr. Brown proposes that this important movement shall be inaugurated and pushed to an early completion has been fully explained to us, and has our approval. Its simplicity and practicability commend it most highly. It proposes to establish, at such localities as may be selected and deemed most eligible and desirable, eight comfortable houses, which shall be held and used by the Joint Board of Finance of the Virginia Conference (hereafter to be incorporated), as places of residence for widows, orphans, and superannuated preachers, of the Virginia Conference; and they shall be assigned by the Board at their annual sessions, subject to the approval of Conference. In other words, the Board shall assign these houses for the relief and benefit of the families who look to the Conference for help on the same principle that they administer and appropriate the Conference funds committed to their hands under the Discipline for the relief and support of Conference claimants.

3d. As these homes, therefore, will be, in some sort, supplementary to the monetary relief given the claimants on our Conference Fund, we respectfully recommend that the whole subject be recommitted to the Joint Board of Finance, with authority to act for and on behalf of the Conference in all matters of detail connected with the enterprise.

ALEX. G. BROWN, *Chairman.*

ASSESSMENTS 1898-'99.

DISTRICTS.	Percentage.	Conference Claimants	Bishop's Fund.	Educational Fund.	Church Extension.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Annual Con. Expenses.	Totals.
Richmond.....	11	\$1,540	\$ 409	\$ 469	\$ 770	\$1,485	\$2,508	\$ 165	\$7,346
West Richmond.....	9½	1,330	353	405	665	1,283	2,166	142	6,344
Rappahannock ...	6	840	223	256	420	810	1,368	90	4,007
Charlottesville.....	8	1,120	297	341	560	1,080	1,824	120	5,342
Lynchburg.....	9	1,260	335	383	630	1,215	2,052	135	6,010
Danville.....	9	1,260	335	384	630	1,215	2,052	135	6,011
Farmville.....	8½	1,190	316	362	595	1,148	1,938	128	5,677
Petersburg.....	9½	1,330	354	405	665	1,282	2,166	142	6,344
Portsmouth.....	10½	1,470	390	448	735	1,417	2,394	158	7,012
Norfolk	11	1,540	409	470	770	1,485	2,508	165	7,347
Eastern Shore.....	8	1,120	297	341	560	1,080	1,824	120	5,342
Totals.....	100	\$14,000	\$3,718	\$4,264	\$7,000	\$13,500	\$22,800	\$1,500	\$66,782

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1898.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W.M.S.	Raised by R. B'ds
Richmond District...	A. G. Brown, P. E.												
1. Broad Street.....	W. G. Starr.....		250 00	250 00	2500 00	2500 00		143 90		200 00		253 00	52 22
2. Trinity and Chickahominy Miss.	J. T. Mastin and Jno. T. Sewell,		169 00	169 00	2000 00	2000 00		100 00		100 00		70 00	30 00
3. Union Station.....	GC.Vanderslice,C.L Bane,W.P Constable	13 50	180 00	180 00	1950 00	1950 00		100 00		105 00		103 88	14 46
4. St. James.....	W. B. Beauchamp,		42 00	42 00	900 00	900 00		54 00		92 00		61 30	
5. Denny Street.....	S. C. Hatcher.....		54 00	54 00	800 00	838 29		50 00		80 00			
6. Fairmont Avenue.....	R. F. Beadles.....	4 60	70 00	70 00	1000 00	1000 00		31 50		43 00		24 00	12 00
7. Central—Manchester..	W. W. Lear.....		144 00	144 00	1600 00	1600 00		101 87		166 55	35 45	118 95	43 10
8. Fifth Street, “	Geo. H. McFaden,	2 00	63 00	63 00	920 00	920 00		33 00		47 00		43 85	36 49
9. West End and Asbury—Manchester,	W. T. Williams & Harry Burruss,		63 00	51 00	800 00	653 61	158 39	20 00	21 00	22 00	21 00	35 00	
10. Henrico.....	H. J. Brown.....		21 00	21 00	300 00	300 00		7 00		12 00			
			65 00	57 64	680 00	602 86	84 50	21 00	5 00	35 00	10 00	20 00	9 10
11. Charles City	W. E. Moore.....		24 00	24 00	190 00	195 50		8 00		10 00			7 20
12. New Kent.....	E. A. Potts.....		48 00	48 00	400 00	400 00		32 00		55 00			9 00
13. West New Kent.....	A. S. J. Rice.....		32 00	22 85	350 00	262 00	97 15	17 00		30 00			
14. West Point.....	W. E. Bullard.....		36 00	25 20	510 00	370 80	150 00	12 50		20 00			
15. East King & Queen...	T. O. Edwards.....	8 50	49 00	45 10	700 00	644 40	59 50	25 00		45 00	6 00		5 00
16. Gloucester.....	J. E. Potts and E. J. Potts,	6 00	115 00	115 00	1100 00	1100 00		66 30		139 00		40 32	100 00
17. Gloucester Point.....	Asa Driscoll.....	29 00	63 00	63 00	664 00	664 00		26 20	11 00	34 50	12 83		
18. Williamsburg.....	J. N. Latham.....		35 00	35 00	475 00	475 00		15 00	10 00	33 00	10 00		8 00
19. York.....	J. S. Wallace.....	24 65	126 00	126 00	950 00	950 00		39 26		73 19		71 00	15 00
20. Washington Ave. & Chestnut Ave.	B. F. Lipscomb & M. S. Colonna, Jr.	26 00	124 00	124 00	1900 00	1900 00		75 00	10 50	112 50	20 00		
			17 00	17 00	350 00	365 75		10 00		29 00			
	Totals for 1898	114 25	1790 00	1746 79	21039 00	20592 21	490 00	989 53	57 50	1483 74	115 28	841 30	341 57
	Totals for 1897	77 44	1801 00	1739 87	20371 00	19732 49	702 24	1034 17	38 25	1592 29	82 63	578 93	346 50
	Increase	36 81		6 92	668 00	859 72			19 25		32 65	262 37	
	Decrease.....		11 00				212 24	45 64		108 55			4 93

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RICHMOND DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL'S			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For All Other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. Broad Street.....	\$180 00	\$180 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 59 00	\$ 59 00	\$ 78 00	\$ 78 00	\$.....	\$25 00	\$11 00	\$ 4 00	\$370 00	\$ 150 00	\$ 5545 14	\$ 9871 26	\$20 91	1	30	254	4
2. Trinity and Chickahominy Miss.	123 00	123 00	35 00	35 00	40 00	40 00	53 00	53 00	.....	17 00	4 10	.....	475 61	447 85	1433 10	5097 66	6 87	5	92	438	13
3. Union Station.....	132 00	85 50	36 00	28 00	42 00	21 00	56 00	21 00	.....	6 00	12 00	1 32	743 35	3342 50	1530 29	8257 80	7 89	3	119	814	36
4. St. James.....	54 00	54 00	15 00	15 00	18 00	18 00	23 00	23 00	8 00	4 00	3 50	.....	134 67	2191 00	954 44	4554 91	14 93	1	33	233	12
5. Denny Street.....	47 00	47 00	14 00	14 00	16 00	16 00	21 00	21 00	.....	7 00	4 00	5 00	398 50	42 45	903 00	2480 24	5 98	1	38	372	50
6. Fairmont Avenue.....	70 00	70 00	20 00	20 00	24 00	10 00	31 00	10 00	.....	3 00	3 14	1 00	177 35	871 21	690 58	3041 38	9 39	1	34	280	8
7. Central—Manchester,	123 00	123 00	35 00	35 00	40 00	40 00	53 00	43 60	.....	17 00	9 65	.....	192 30	344 38	497 63	3512 48	7 49	2	42	373	.....
8. Fifth Street, “	66 00	66 00	17 00	17 00	22 00	22 00	30 00	30 00	.....	10 00	3 00	1 00	401 35	271 09	463 06	2429 84	5 10	2	50	400	38
9. West End and Asbury—Manchester,	65 00	25 00	18 00	10 00	20 00	11 00	19 00	10 00	.....	3 00	4 00	1 00	188 81	5 00	270 78	1352 20	4 17	1	28	282	2
10. Henrico	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00	1 41	.....	39 68	110 00	65 95	571 04	4 97	1	13	124	18
	50 00	25 00	15 00	7 00	17 00	7 00	23 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	7 33	17 00	53 49	50 00	192 74	1134 16	3 72	4	35	185	1
11. Charles City	24 00	8 00	7 00	3 00	7 00	2 50	9 00	2 50	1 50	1 00	.....	1 50	28 87	125 00	25 00	443 57	2 49	2	17	135	.....
12. New Kent,	30 00	30 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	13 00	13 00	.....	5 00	11 73	.....	24 00	81 50	170 37	898 60	3 17	4	35	165	12
13. West New Kent.....	30 00	14 00	9 00	5 00	10 00	4 00	13 00	5 00	.....	2 00	15 00	2 00	10 00	.....	110 00	484 85	2 00	3	25	109	.....
14. West Point.....	34 00	9 00	11 00	3 50	13 00	4 50	17 00	5 00	.....	2 50	.....	1 30	23 70	103 86	.....	581 86	5 54	1	12	66	.....
15. East King & Queen...	50 00	40 00	15 00	12 00	17 00	10 00	24 00	10 00	.....	2 00	5 50	1 00	75 00	275 00	325 00	1534 50	4 42	4	45	260	25
16. Gloucester	79 00	45 00	23 00	15 00	26 00	10 00	34 00	10 00	.....	6 00	8 38	5 66	190 22	224 50	300 00	2381 36	2 98	6	70	400	30
17. Gloucester Point.....	55 00	25 00	15 00	7 50	18 00	9 00	25 00	10 00	.....	4 00	24 00	3 72	121 31	610 00	187 00	1842 06	4 12	4	69	382	17
18. Williamsburg	25 00	25 00	7 00	7 00	8 00	8 00	11 00	11 00	.....	4 00	6 12	.....	55 31	78 47	115 09	895 99	5 93	1	15	102	.....
19. York	61 00	50 00	17 00	12 00	20 00	8 00	27 00	10 00	5 00	9 00	15 36	8 89	114 95	65 00	158 44	1755 74	1 73	5	86	585	70
20. Washington Ave. & Chestnut Ave.	112 00	112 00	30 00	30 00	35 00	35 00	45 00	45 00	.....	10 00	6 50	5 00	396 69	543 43	1354 38	4806 00	10 80	1	34	380	8
	10 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	7 00	.....	3 00	.....	2 00	120 99	.....	315 73	889 47	6 35	1	24	177	.....
Totals for 1898	1540 00	1157 50	407 00	341 00	469 00	353 00	748 00	430 10	16 50	144 50	155 72	61 39	4336 15	9932 24	15607 72	58816 97	6 42	54	946	6516	344
Totals for 1897	1430 00	1069 53	407 00	313 70	473 00	326 45	627 00	416 66	137 19	100 84	147 47	88 01	4124 42	7922 28	10667 11	50536 23	5 62	52	898	6650	331
Increase	110 00	87 97	.....	27 30	.....	26 55	121 00	13 44	.....	43 66	8 25	.....	211 73	2009 96	4940 61	8280 74	80	2	48	.....	13
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	131	.....	.....

RICHMOND DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.									
				MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.						Deaths.	Re-mov'ls.			With-dr'w'ls.	Expul-sions.	Total Losses.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Debt on Churches.	Debt on Parsonages.	Value of all other Church Property
										GAINS.			LOSSES.										No.	Value.	No.	Value.			
										White.	Col'r'd	Total	Profes-sion of Faith.	Certi-fi-cate & Other-wise.	Total Gains.															Deaths.	Re-mov'ls	With-dr'w'ls	Expul-sions.	Total Losses.	No.	Members.	No.	Value.
1. Broad Street.....	1	5	12	472	.....	472	500	.....	28	12	19	31	9	46	4	.....	59	1	100	1	\$ 50000 00	1	\$ 6000 00	\$.....	\$.....	500 00
2. Trinity and Chickahominy Miss.	.....	8	3	742	.....	742	736	6	.....	16	13	29	5	18	.....	.....	23	3	130	4	31500 00	1	3000 00	.....	1900 00	2700 00
3. Union Station.....	1	24	9	1047	.....	1047	1097	.....	50	57	34	91	16	99	26	.....	141	4	250	2	31000 00	1	3000 00	17283 00	.....	1100 00
4. St. James.....	.....	3	3	304	1	305	287	18	.....	13	19	32	3	10	1	.....	14	2	250	1	11000 00	1	2000 00	3900 00	.....	300 00
5. Denny Street.....	.....	7	6	415	.....	415	398	17	.....	28	10	38	7	2	12	.....	21	.....	.....	1	5000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00
6. Fairmont Avenue.....	.....	10	6	324	.....	324	320	4	.....	16	15	31	1	26	.....	.....	27	1	95	1	7500 00	1	2000 00	3000 00	.....	900 00
7. Central—Manchester..	.....	2	.....	469	.....	469	490	.....	21	7	11	18	3	29	7	.....	39	2	90	1	8000 00	1	1600 00	.....	.....	2500 00
8. Fifth Street, “	.....	20	5	476	.....	476	440	36	.....	47	17	64	6	22	.....	.....	28	2	324	1	3300 00	1	1500 00	.....	.....	1000 00
9. West End Memorial and Asbury—Manch't'r	1	3	4	324	.....	324	355	.....	31	5	9	14	4	25	16	.....	45	2	130	1	5000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00
10. Henrico.....	1	19	3	115	.....	115	91	24	.....	20	14	34	.....	10	.....	.....	10	1	40	1	700 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	700 00
		1	.....	305	.....	305	329	.....	24	2	.....	2	6	16	4	.....	26	.....	.....	4	5100 00	1	1400 00	.....	.....	700 00
11. Charles City.....	.....	22	.....	177	1	178	159	19	.....	37	1	38	2	16	1	.....	19	1	32	2	2000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12. New Kent.....	.....	7	2	283	.....	283	261	22	.....	22	10	32	1	8	1	.....	10	3	55	4	3500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13. West New Kent.....	.....	4	4	241	2	243	241	2	.....	10	.....	10	1	5	2	.....	8	1	50	4	3200 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	200 00
14. West Point.....	.....	.....	4	105	.....	105	120	.....	15	.....	2	.....	1	16	.....	.....	17	.....	.....	1	7500 00	.....	.....	250 00	.....	.....	
15. East King & Queen...	.....	15	10	347	.....	347	355	.....	8	29	1	30	2	16	20	.....	38	.....	.....	4	3750 00	1	600 00	.....	.....	625 00
16. Gloucester.....	.....	12	13	808	.....	808	806	2	.....	31	5	36	3	31	.....	.....	34	.....	.....	5	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	600 00
17. Gloucester Point.....	3	27	6	447	.....	447	420	27	.....	39	.....	39	3	4	5	.....	12	1	67	3	5000 00	1	1800 00	.....	175 00	.....		
18. Williamsburg.....	.....	3	2	151	.....	151	154	.....	3	3	3	6	2	4	3	.....	9	1	36	2	5400 00	.....	.....	600 00	.....	150 00
19. York.....	2	22	36	1016	1	1017	957	60	.....	78	6	84	6	16	2	.....	24	2	100	5	6500 00	1	1200 00	.....	.....	500 00
20. Washington Ave. & Chestnut Ave.	1	5	12	445	.....	445	475	.....	30	32	65	97	3	124	.....	127	1	75	1	17000 00	.....	.....	2500 00	.....	1425 00	
		8	4	140	.....	140	.....	140	.....	17	125	142	1	.....	1	.....	2	1	30	1	2000 00	.....	.....	600 00	.....	.....	
Totals for 1898 ..	10	227	144	9153	5	9158	8991	167	.....	521	379	900	85	543	105	.....	733	29	1854	50	218950 00	13	26100 00	28133 00	2075 00	13800 00	
Totals for 1897 ..	14	322	113	8985	6	8991	8650	341	.....	629	500	1129	101	607	80	.....	788	24	1260	51	217100 00	11	17500 00	.....	.....	14345 00
Increase	31	168	167	341	25	5	594	1850 00	2	8600 00	28133 00	2075 00			
Decrease ..	4	95	1	108	121	229	16	64	55	1	545 00				

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W. M. S	Raised by R. B'ds.
West Richmond Dist.	P. Whitehead, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Centenary.....	W. V. Tudor.....		265 00	265 00	2500 00	2500 00		190 00		320 00	16 36	224 60	103 92
2. Clay Street.....	E. H. Rawlings.....		190 00	190 00	1800 00	1800 86		136 00		273 05		100 68	
3. Park Place.....	T. N. Potts.....		222 00	222 00	2200 00	2200 00		100 00		110 82		58 35	18 00
4. Laurel Street.....	R. F. Gayle.....	33 00	138 00	138 00	1300 00	1300 00		91 00		120 00	30 00	48 50	4 00
5. Asbury.....	B. M. Beckham.....		127 00	127 00	1000 00	1000 00		72 80		122 40		53 11	18 16
6. Highland Park.....	C. H. Boggs.....		47 00	47 00	450 00	450 00		23 00	10 00	46 00	10 00	31 00	
7. Barton Heights.....	J. Sidney Peters....	11 82	58 00	58 00	650 00	650 00		36 00	5 00	60 00	10 00		
8. Hanover.....	R. B. Scott.....		85 00	77 50	800 00	723 50	84 00	13 00		23 00		70 00	43 47
9. King William.....	Porter Hardy.....		42 00	42 00	450 00	450 00		31 00		65 05	40 95	9 00	16 00
10. Ashland.....	W. H. Atwill.....	44 28	106 00	106 00	1000 00	1105 00		75 00	15 00	127 00	32 52	116 12	34 81
11. Ashland Circuit.....	R. H. Marks.....		43 00	36 47	347 00	292 03	61 50	9 50		7 50			8 25
12. West Hanover.....	S. W. Day.....		42 00	37 47	400 00	319 42	85 11	12 00		20 50		22 00	5 00
13. Caroline.....	J. G. Lennon.....		41 00	37 48	400 00	360 87	42 65	15 00		35 60		35 29	65 00
14. Goochland.....	T. E. Johnson.....	25 00	48 00	36 23	402 00	318 22	95 55	11 00		27 00			
15. West Goochland and East Louisa,	J. E. McSparran		56 00	34 49	500 00	312 32	209 19	3 29	2 71	6 00			
16. Cartersville.....	& W. D. Mower, W. F. Davis.....		66 00	41 50	554 00	398 38	180 12	10 00		15 00			
17. Chesterfield.....	A. C. Berryman.....	22 40	85 00	76 20	700 00	627 60	81 20	40 00	1 00	75 00	1 00	38 47	22 72
18. West Chesterfield.....	W. H. Riddick.....		71 00	66 50	675 00	633 50	46 00	20 00		40 00			
19. South Chesterfield.....	M. L. Williams.....		58 00	53 50	600 00	582 95	21 55	10 00		25 00			
20. Powhatan.....	T. Burton.....		10 00	6 15	105 00	64 60	44 25	7 00		12 00			
	Totals for 1898 ...	136 50	1800 00	1698 49	16833 00	16089 25	845 26	905 59	33 71	1530 92	140 83	807 12	330 33
	Totals for 1897 ...	74 88	1800 00	1709 35	17014 00	16213 30	892 35	922 87	27 75	1660 92	63 38	857 48	342 16
	Increase	61 62							5 96		77 45		
	Decrease			10 86	181 00	124 05	47 09	17 28		130 00		50 36	2 83

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WEST RICHMOND DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'LS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-school Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed	Paid.													
1. Centenary.....	\$196 00	\$196 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 96 00	\$ 96 00	\$ 6 00	\$21 00	.....	\$49 25	\$269 30	\$4345 00	\$4532 72	\$13245 15	\$19 86	1	41	295	10
2. Clay Street.....	140 00	140 00	38 00	38 00	44 00	44 00	70 00	70 00	4 00	16 00	9 25	9 61	307 89	913 20	1368 57	5421 11	8 02	1	51	338	.....
3. Park Place.....	165 00	165 00	44 00	44 00	50 00	50 00	80 00	80 00	6 00	18 00	.....	7 25	.....	20 00	4651 86	7751 28	11 96	1	36	315	2
4. Laurel Street.....	102 00	102 00	27 00	27 00	31 00	20 00	50 00	25 00	3 00	10 00	3 50	4 00	366 45	1379 14	856 84	4561 43	6 65	2	60	507	20
5. Asbury	93 00	74 40	25 00	20 00	28 00	20 00	45 00	33 60	.....	.....	4 31	3 68	94 82	.....	755 59	2399 87	9 02	1	22	156	6
6. Highland Park.....	35 00	35 00	9 00	9 00	11 00	11 00	17 00	17 00	1 00	3 00	5 31	2 00	66 00	100 00	60 00	926 31	8 57	1	22	100	1
7. Barton Heights.....	43 00	43 00	11 00	11 00	13 00	13 00	21 00	21 00	1 00	4 00	5 42	2 56	103 61	647 21	191 95	1874 57	17 51	1	20	109	1
8. Hanover.....	63 00	22 25	17 00	6 25	20 00	6 00	30 00	6 00	.....	1 25	2 00	3 50	158 94	394 00	116 67	1667 33	3 70	4	68	280	10
9. King William.....	31 00	31 00	8 00	8 00	9 00	9 00	16 00	16 00	1 00	3 00	8 77	4 00	56 66	233 00	82 00	1106 43	3 12	4	41	242	8
10. Ashland.....	78 00	78 00	22 00	22 00	25 00	25 00	36 00	36 00	.....	8 00	10 00	18 15	101 53	94 55	100 00	2148 96	8 99	2	32	225	10
11. Ashland Circuit.....	32 00	10 00	8 00	2 00	10 00	2 50	16 00	4 00	1 00	90	7 17	8 80	24 00	7 98	5 00	427 10	1 40	4	30	175	10
12. West Hanover.....	31 00	16 00	8 00	5 00	9 00	4 00	16 00	6 00	1 00	2 00	9 78	5 13	62 41	25 49	66 35	619 55	1 04	4	27	224	4
13. Caroline	29 00	29 00	8 00	8 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	12 00	.....	2 00	11 42	3 00	57 75	.....	91 65	774 06	1 59	3	16	225	6
14. Goochland.....	35 00	35 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	17 00	17 00	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	50 00	138 62	.....	681 07	2 10	4	30	300	10
15. West Goochland and East Louisa,	41 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	12 00	2 00	20 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	6 85	1 00	18 00	108 00	20 00	526 16	99	7	27	351	4
16. Cartersville.....	49 00	15 00	13 00	5 00	15 00	2 00	25 00	3 00	.....	97	3 03	1 00	60 00	90 00	100 00	744 88	2 68	3	33	200	1
17. Chesterfield.....	63 00	40 00	17 00	14 00	19 00	13 00	31 00	19 00	.....	5 08	8 00	3 75	137 24	257 56	225 00	1627 02	4 91	5	42	300	10
18. West Chesterfield	52 00	20 00	13 00	9 00	15 00	10 00	26 00	10 00	2 00	3 00	7 00	4 00	45 00	200 00	70 00	1140 00	3 84	4	30	200	8
19. South Chesterfield.....	43 00	13 00	12 00	5 00	13 00	10 00	22 00	11 00	1 00	2 50	9 25	1 00	140 40	70 00	121 30	1055 90	1 88	7	65	305	6
20. Powhatan	8 00	5 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	.....	50	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	100 75	1 06	1	8	40	.....
Totals for 1898	1330 00	1075 15	351 00	296 25	405 00	322 50	646 00	486 10	29 00	105 20	111 06	132 68	2120 00	9023 75	13415 50	48798 93	6 09	60	701	4887	127
Totals for 1897 .	1235 00	1013 52	351 00	294 27	409 00	324 74	542 00	407 32	38 24	82 73	128 75	128 38	2374 97	4971 80	12738 94	44375 75	5 48	65	767	5044	241
Increase	95 00	61 63	1 98	104 00	78 78	22 47	4 30	4051 95	676 56	4423 18	61
Decrease	4 00	2 24	9 24	17 69	254 97	5	66	157	114

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers	BAP- TISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
				MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.																CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Debt on Churches.	Debt on Parsonages.	Value of all other Church Property
		MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.						Total Losses.	No.	Members.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.						
								GAINS.				LOSSES.														
		Adults.	Infants.	White	Color'd	Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate & Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls With- d'w'ls	Expul- sions.	Total	No.	Members.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.								
1. Centenary.....	1	1	5	667	.....	667	645	22	.....	13	55	68	14	29	3	.....	46	1	60	1	\$35000 00	1	\$8000 00	.....	.....	\$12000 00
2. Clay Street.....	1	6	13	676	.....	676	684	.....	8	8	21	29	9	25	3	.....	37	2	161	1	25000 00	.....	.....	300 00	.....	1000 00
3. Park Place.....	1	3	4	648	.....	648	696	.....	48	8	19	27	7	68	.....	.....	75	2	260	1	60000 00	1	6000 00	.....	3500 00	4500 00
4. Laurel Street	1	15	6	686	.....	686	641	45	.....	46	36	82	4	24	9	.....	37	3	246	2	17500 00	.....	.....	1500 00	.....	1600 00
5. Asbury	1	8	2	266	.....	256	255	11	.....	14	17	31	1	19	.....	.....	20	1	85	1	10000 00	.....	.....	3500 00	.....	225 00
6. Highland Park.....	.....	.....	4	108	.....	108	110	.....	2	1	1	2	2	2	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	6500 00	.....	.....	1000 00	.....	100 00
7. Barton Heights.....	.....	.....	2	107	.....	107	114	.....	7	.....	12	12	1	18	.....	.....	19	1	23	1	5000 00	.....	.....	1388 00	.....	450 00
8. Hanover.....	1	12	1	451	.....	451	436	15	.....	12	12	24	1	8	.....	.....	9	3	300	4	4000 00	1	1500 00	.....	.....	250 00
9. King William.....	.....	4	.....	355	.....	355	360	.....	5	4	4	8	7	4	2	.....	13	3	69	4	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	.....
10. Ashland.....	2	2	6	239	.....	239	237	2	.....	17	5	22	2	18	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	2	6500 00	1	2000 00	.....	.....	450 00
11. Ashland Circuit.....	.....	8	1	306	.....	306	292	14	.....	12	8	20	4	2	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	5	2500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12. West Hanover.....	.....	4	.....	592	1	593	599	.....	6	4	1	5	3	.....	8	.....	11	.....	.....	6	4600 00	.....	.....	80 00	.....	450 00
13. Caroline .....	.....	21	.....	486	.....	486	510	.....	24	24	.....	24	7	41	.....	.....	48	1	10	4	6500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	190 00
14. Goochland.....	.....	10	.....	324	.....	324	348	.....	24	16	.....	16	3	14	23	.....	40	1	50	4	2700 00	1	800 00	.....	.....	.....
15. West Goochland and East Louisa,	1	7	2	530	.....	530	523	7	.....	13	.....	13	1	5	.....	.....	6	1	41	6	3500 00	1	800 00	.....	.....	125 00
16. Cartersville .....	.....	2	2	278	.....	278	282	.....	4	2	4	6	1	9	.....	.....	10	3	120	4	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	300 00
17. Chesterfield.....	2	3	11	331	.....	331	393	.....	62	8	20	28	7	80	3	.....	90	2	60	5	9800 00	1	2000 00	.....	470 00	600 00
18. West Chesterfield .....	.....	4	4	297	.....	297	313	.....	16	9	1	10	8	16	2	.....	26	1	35	4	8500 00	1	2000 00	.....	.....	150 00
19. South Chesterfield	1	6	7	568	.....	568	568	.....	.....	14	.....	14	5	9	.....	.....	14	1	60	5	5300 00	1	1000 00	.....	125 00	300 00
20. Powhatan.....	.....	1	.....	94	.....	94	93	1	.....	1	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	1000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Totals for 1898	12	117	70	8009	1	8010	8099	.....	89	226	217	443	87	392	53	.....	532	26	1580	63	223000 00	11	26100 00	7768 00	4095 00	22740 00
Totals for 1897	12	328	69	8098	1	8099	7925	174	.....	536	225	761	97	386	104	.....	587	26	1690	66	218953 00	11	26100 00	.....	.....	21510 00
Increase	1	174	6	7768 00	4095 00
Decrease	211	89	89	310	8	318	10	51	55	110	3	4947 00

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W.M.S	Raised by R. B'ds
Rappahannock Dist.	C. E. Watts, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Whitestone	J. W. S. Robins.....		123 00	123 00	900 00	1000 00	.....	60 00	.....	78 00	10 34	154 00	62 00
2. Lancaster	B. E. Ledbetter.....		102 00	96 00	750 00	707 00	49 00	17 00	6 00	20 00	10 00	55 00	30 00
3. Heathsville	C. R. James.....		109 00	109 00	800 00	800 00	.....	64 00	7 00	108 00	12 50	.....	13 92
4. Bethany.....	Jno. M. Burton.....		122 00	122 00	900 00	900 00	.....	45 00	.....	64 27	18 18	75 60	57 71
5. Richmond Circuit.....	S. J. Battin.....	3 70	56 00	54 41	425 00	413 14	13 45	32 00	.....	38 75	19 25	6 00	15 95
6. Whealton.....	E. F. Hall.....		47 00	47 00	400 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7. Westmoreland	J. D. Forkner.....		93 00	93 00	700 00	700 00	.....	39 15	4 88	29 00	62 00	27 62	8 00
8. Montross	F. B. McSparran...	8 00	42 00	38 74	353 00	325 53	30 73	18 00	.....	21 62	.....	12 60	5 18
9. King George.....	T. J. Wray.....	14 00	92 00	92 00	708 00	708 00	.....	20 70	8 30	37 00	13 00	.....	11 53
10. Spotsylvania	C. H. Williams.....		56 00	56 00	400 00	400 00	.....	32 00	.....	55 00	.....	.....	.....
11. Bowling Green.....	W. F. Hayes.....		77 00	69 98	559 00	507 32	58 70	40 00	10 00	61 05	11 00	.....	13 78
12. Essex.....	W. B. Jett.....		72 00	57 30	575 00	458 87	130 83	29 00	45	52 00	80	12 85	3 57
13. King and Queen.....	R. E. Bentley.....		44 00	34 78	363 00	276 97	95 25	20 00	.....	43 00	.....	.....	17 18
14. Middlesex.....	J. M. Anderson	52 00	105 00	90 00	875 00	783 00	107 00	30 00	3 00	40 00	5 00	.....	3 75
15. West Mathews.....	J. L. Pribble.....		100 00	96 18	725 00	697 37	31 45	25 00	.....	42 00	.....	.....	32 35
16. Mathews.....	J. E. Deshazo and Frank Burruss,		160 00	160 00	1350 00	1350 00	.....	56 32	43 68	172 44	43 68	26 65	75 00
	Totals for 1898	77 70	1400 00	1339 39	10783 00	10427 20	416 41	531 17	83 31	862 13	205 75	370 32	349 92
	Totals for 1897	236 00	1397 00	1274 03	10549 00	9652 17	1019 80	575 95	66 19	1025 49	138 01	324 40	332 95
	Increase		3 00	65 36	234 00	775 03	17 12	67 74	45 92	16 97
	Decrease	158 30	603 39	41 78	163 36

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'LS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND		CHURCH EX-TENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. Whitestone.....	\$ 74 00	\$ 74 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 23 00	\$ 23 00	\$ 36 00	\$ 36 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 8 00	\$53 12	\$ 3 00	\$151 00	\$ 75 00	\$300 00	\$ 2233 46	\$5 07	4	57	375	3
2. Lancaster	61 00	37 50	16 00	12 25	19 00	8 00	30 00	8 00	.....	2 00	5 00	1 00	55 00	.....	150 00	1219 75	2 73	5	55	295	13
3. Heathsville	66 00	71 65	18 00	18 00	20 00	20 00	32 00	32 00	.....	7 00	26 00	15 00	49 26	310 43	96 53	1760 29	3 24	4	47	363	18
4. Bethany.....	73 00	66 00	19 00	15 00	22 00	18 00	35 00	23 00	.....	5 45	.....	3 00	45 07	52 62	64 02	1574 92	5 34	3	42	219	.....
5. Richmond Circuit....	34 00	34 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	16 00	16 00	.....	4 00	1 90	2 70	39 75	130 00	73 63	904 10	1 87	4	37	250	.....
6. Whealton.....	28 00	10 00	7 00	.....	9 00	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1000 00	53 00	1511 00	17 37	1	7	40	12
7. Westmoreland	55 00	43 30	15 00	11 71	17 00	13 64	28 00	22 01	.....	4 11	11 65	5 03	40 18	761 00	65 00	1941 28	4 40	4	32	275	23
8. Montross	24 00	12 00	7 00	4 00	8 00	3 00	12 00	4 50	.....	2 50	7 42	1 08	55 70	284 65	95 02	899 54	2 50	5	60	360	25
9. King George.....	55 00	27 00	14 00	7 60	17 00	9 20	27 00	15 00	95	3 25	10 00	1 00	38 19	471 00	60 00	1547 72	3 16	5	50	290	11
10. Spotsylvania.....	34 00	34 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	16 00	16 00	.....	4 00	6 55	5 00	40 00	413 00	392 50	1473 05	3 11	7	50	360	16
11. Bowling Green.....	42 00	30 00	12 00	10 00	14 00	8 00	19 00	8 00	2 50	2 00	10 25	4 00	98 06	86 15	61 39	1033 48	2 29	6	62	357	5
12. Essex.....	43 00	31 00	11 00	8 00	13 00	9 00	21 00	11 00	2 00	3 00	5 68	3 26	17 18	20 25	184 52	909 73	2 04	3	33	163	.....
13. King and Queen.....	27 00	27 00	7 00	7 00	8 00	8 00	12 00	12 00	.....	2 00	11 52	2 00	35 00	175 00	57 00	734 45	2 06	4	35	290	13
14. Middlesex.....	63 00	35 00	17 00	15 00	19 00	10 00	31 00	15 00	2 00	2 00	15 78	3 00	91 00	590 00	170 00	1955 53	3 83	6	50	430	9
15. West Mathews.....	60 00	25 00	16 00	8 00	18 00	7 00	29 00	10 00	.....	3 00	17 57	2 06	136 00	374 16	112 90	1588 59	3 21	6	66	382	.....
16. Mathews.....	96 00	61 44	25 00	18 00	29 00	15 50	46 00	24 00	1 65	6 00	22 41	3 17	229 72	417 99	270 80	2998 45	2 40	6	107	788	10
Totals for 1898	840 00	618 89	222 00	172 56	256 00	172 34	408 00	252 51	12 10	58 31	204 85	55 30	1121 11	5161 25	2206 31	24285 42	3 34	73	790	5237	158
Totals for 1897	780 00	615 85	222 00	174 10	258 00	185 46	342 00	247 35	53 42	51 96	231 57	66 27	991 29	4293 68	1837 51	22373 65	2 94	72	711	4911	203
Increase	60 00	3 04	66 00	5 16	6 35	129 82	867 57	368 80	1911 77	40	1	79	326
Decrease	1 54	2 00	13 12	41 32	26 72	10 97	45

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'RS		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES.		Debt on Churches.	Debt on Parsonages.	Value of all other Church Property.
				White.	Col'r'd					GAINS.				LOSSES.						No.	Value.	No.	Value.			
										Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate & Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.										No.	Value.	No.	Value.
1. Whitestone .....	.....	5	5	440	.....	440	435	5	.....	6	6	12	5	2	.....	.....	7	1	60	3	\$8000 00	1	\$1000 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
2. Lancaster .....	.....	14	.....	447	.....	447	429	18	.....	17	15	32	8	4	2	.....	14	1	27	4	9550 00	1	1800 00	.....	.....	750 00
3. Heathsville	2	24	10	543	.....	543	523	20	.....	28	8	36	7	7	2	.....	16	2	86	4	9000 00	1	2000 00	260 00	.....	.....
4. Bethany .....	.....	.....	.....	295	.....	295	323	.....	28	.....	2	2	7	15	8	.....	30	.....	.....	1	2000 00	1	1800 00	.....	.....	250 00
5. Richmond Circuit .....	.....	17	.....	483	.....	483	474	9	.....	27	2	29	5	12	3	.....	20	1	33	4	4500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 00
6. Whealton .....	.....	4	3	87	.....	87	77	10	.....	7	4	11	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	25	1	1000 00	1	650 00	.....	180 00	.....
7. Westmoreland	1	6	21	440	1	441	451	.....	10	8	2	10	3	14	3	.....	20	2	74	4	5600 00	1	1000 00	150 00	.....	.....
8. Montross .....	.....	35	.....	360	.....	360	344	16	.....	48	2	50	5	27	2	.....	34	1	46	4	3600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
9. King George .....	.....	13	13	490	.....	490	505	.....	15	24	2	26	5	26	10	.....	41	.....	.....	5	7900 00	1	2000 00	348 00	.....	.....
10. Spotsylvania	2	15	4	474	.....	474	461	13	.....	20	8	28	7	5	3	.....	15	.....	.....	7	5300 00	1	1200 00	.....	.....	200 00
11. Bowling Green .....	.....	10	6	452	.....	452	453	.....	1	17	7	24	7	7	11	.....	25	.....	.....	5	6650 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00
12. Essex .....	.....	22	1	444	1	445	426	19	.....	30	.....	30	6	2	3	.....	11	.....	.....	3	4100 00	1	1200 00	.....	270 00	100 00
13. King and Queen	1	14	1	356	1	357	349	8	.....	14	3	17	5	4	.....	.....	9	1	46	4	7500 00	1	800 00	.....	300 00	150 00
14. Middlesex	1	8	1	511	.....	511	564	.....	53	15	11	26	6	64	9	.....	79	2	50	6	10000 00	1	1000 00	250 00	.....	500 00
15. West Mathews	1	9	6	495	.....	495	529	.....	34	15	4	19	9	15	29	.....	53	1	34	5	8800 00	1	1200 00	200 00	.....	.....
16. Mathews	2	2	39	1248	3	1251	1259	.....	8	18	2	20	9	17	2	.....	28	1	29	7	11645 00	1	1600 00	.....	.....	700 00
Totals for 1898	10	198	110	7565	6	7571	7602	.....	31	294	78	372	95	221	87	.....	403	14	510	67	105145 00	13	17250 00	1208 00	750 00	3500 00
Totals for 1897	8	210	114	7597	5	7602	7885	217	.....	441	193	634	83	272	62	.....	417	12	394	67	104795 00	12	16450 00	.....	.....	6325 00
Increase	2	1	217	12	25	2	116	350 00	1	800 00	1208 00	750 00
Decrease	12	4	32	31	147	115	262	51	14	2825 00

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W. M. S	Raised by R. B'ds.
Charlottesville Dist..	J. S. Hunter, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Charlottesville and Belmont,	W. E. Edwards	45 00	165 00	165 00	1650 00	1650 00	.....	100 00	50 00	139 74	52 26	88 00	21 00
2. Albemarle	and J. D. Langley, D. G. C. Butts.....	8 00 5 00	80 00	80 00	242 00 800 00	242 00 800 00	.....	32 00	.....	57 71	.....	.....	21 57
3. Scottsville	L. T. Hitt.....	15 00	85 00	85 00	740 00	740 00	.....	30 00	.....	37 00	.....	.....	40 87
4. Batesville	J. W. Carroll .....	.....	109 00	109 00	925 00	925 00	.....	92 00	.....	142 47	.....	23 95	18 51
5. Nelson	R. W. Watts.....	15 00	81 00	81 00	660 00	633 09	26 91	10 00	2 00	15 00	2 00	.....	.....
6. Rockfish	W. L. Ware.....	.....	31 00	31 00	325 00	332 00	.....	15 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
7. Amherst.....	A. C. Jordan.....	.....	85 00	86 11	740 00	745 59	.....	33 00	2 75	58 10	4 50	.....	6 25
8. West Amherst.....	R. T. Clarke.....	18 75	70 00	61 90	700 00	618 91	89 19	30 00	.....	72 33	.....	.....	.....
9. Mt. Pleasant.....	D. W. Reed.....	7 00	66 00	66 00	600 00	600 00	.....	10 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....
10. Milton Mission.....	B. F. Smith.....	.....	25 00	13 00	250 00	117 00	145 00	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
11. Fluvanna	N. J. Pruden .....	.....	60 00	54 30	540 00	498 03	47 67	23 69	.....	40 00	3 97	.....	39 55
12. Louisa.....	C. L. Bane and Jno. Q. Rhodes,	.....	82 00	69 50	775 00	668 31	119 19	25 00	.....	36 25	.....	.....	.....
13. Gordonsville.....	C. F. Comer	15 00	69 00	66 25	600 00	577 10	25 65	22 00	2 00	45 00	.....	18 80	8 50
14. Orange	Geo. E. Booker, Jr.	.....	60 00	60 00	600 00	600 00	.....	15 00	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....
15. Greene	W. A. S. Conrad....	10 00	86 00	76 93	800 00	715 30	93 77	32 00	3 00	45 00	.....	.....	20 00
16. Madison	T. G. Pullen.....	20 00	98 00	90 00	850 00	802 00	56 00	54 00	.....	80 00	.....	.....	.....
17. Woodville	R. G. James.....	.....	30 00	24 76	296 50	207 57	94 17	13 00	.....	16 00	.....	.....	4 85
18. Culpeper	Ernest Stevens.....	.....	78 00	78 00	700 00	700 00	.....	20 00	10 00	40 00	10 00	.....	.....
19. Culpeper Circuit	M. A. Davidson.....	.....	50 00	43 23	500 00	432 39	74 38	15 00	.....	18 00	.....	11 00	7 50
20. Rappahannock	R. Ferguson.....	41 00	96 00	79 75	900 00	745 21	171 04	24 00	.....	40 58	.....	.....	18 41
	Totals for 1898	199 75	1506 00	1420 73	14193 50	13349 50	929 27	597 19	69 75	994 68	72 73	141 75	207 01
	Totals for 1897	39 00	1475 00	1367 93	14291 00	13140 78	1257 29	619 02	52 00	895 46	75 92	145 60	214 87
	Increase	160 75	31 00	52 80	208 72	17 75	99 22
	Decrease	97 50	328 02	21 83	3 19	3 85	7 86

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-school Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.													
1. Charlottesville and Belmont,	\$132 00	\$108 76	\$ 35 00	\$ 35 00	\$ 40 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 64 00	\$ 37 96	\$10 00	\$15 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 1 85	\$175 00	\$.....	\$1200 00	\$3927 57	\$ 6 17	1	42	425	31
2. Albemarle	64 00	35 00	17 00	10 00	19 00	10 40	31 00	18 00	4 00	2 00	7 05	.....	70 00	169 05	86 23	575 28	5 53	1	21	160	8
3. Scottsville	58 00	15 00	16 00	5 00	18 00	4 67	29 00	6 00	4 00	6 00	.....	3 33	81 72	322 81	214 67	1611 07	3 24	5	34	360	45
4. Batesville	78 00	78 50	20 00	20 00	24 00	24 00	39 00	39 00	5 00	9 00	4 31	8 74	61 27	812 00	309 21	2681 96	3 39	7	51	453	29
5. Nelson	57 00	25 00	15 00	8 00	17 00	5 00	28 00	5 00	.....	2 00	5 00	2 00	90 00	100 00	80 00	1080 09	2 26	4	40	300	11
6. Rockfish.....	21 00	19 25	6 00	4 00	6 00	4 00	10 00	7 00	1 00	1 00	3 50	.....	16 00	480 00	95 65	1039 40	2 55	6	48	185	44
7. Amherst.....	60 00	37 00	14 00	10 00	18 00	13 00	29 00	15 00	4 00	4 00	1 53	2 50	101 00	238 23	367 77	1730 33	2 65	8	80	497	100
8. West Amherst.....	56 00	30 00	15 00	9 00	17 00	10 00	27 00	17 00	3 00	4 00	9 83	2 00	27 07	300 00	185 00	1398 79	2 61	8	40	365	25
9. Mt. Pleasant.....	53 00	15 00	14 00	7 00	16 00	5 00	26 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	60 00	275 00	50 00	1123 00	1 57	6	70	600	30
10. Milton Mission,	20 00	1 00	7 00	50	6 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	15 00	150 00	57	3	15	150	.....
11. Fluvanna	48 00	28 43	13 00	7 50	15 00	8 50	23 00	12 50	3 00	5 00	4 79	2 00	30 68	.....	74 69	836 63	1 51	6	51	299	5
12. Louisa.....	66 00	27 00	17 00	8 00	20 00	7 00	32 00	7 00	.....	3 00	.....	3 17	.....	145 00	160 00	1159 23	1 53	8	60	416	20
13. Gordonsville.....	48 00	23 00	13 00	9 00	15 00	8 00	23 00	10 00	1 50	3 00	2 50	3 00	32 30	83 96	58 50	989 41	2 52	2	25	172	10
14. Orange	48 00	25 00	13 00	10 00	15 00	12 00	23 00	11 00	3 00	5 00	.....	2 60	33 12	638 00	235 01	1709 73	5 15	5	38	216	.....
15. Greene	58 00	35 00	15 00	10 00	18 00	10 00	28 00	8 00	2 00	4 00	.....	1 35	38 00	90 00	88 00	1188 58	1 66	5	43	275	10
16. Madison	69 00	45 00	18 00	13 00	21 00	14 00	33 00	18 00	2 50	3 50	.....	1 00	.....	325 00	375 00	1843 00	1 93	8	97	325	.....
17. Woodville.....	20 00	13 25	6 00	5 50	6 00	3 25	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 75	.....	1 25	20 00	68 00	205 25	590 43	1 21	5	35	240	.....
18. Culpeper	56 00	30 00	15 00	10 00	17 00	10 00	27 00	13 50	4 00	4 00	5 50	5 00	59 50	54 00	790 22	1843 72	14 87	1	16	61	1
19. Culpeper Circuit.....	40 00	20 00	11 00	8 00	12 00	7 00	19 00	8 00	2 00	3 00	8 00	1 00	38 00	298 00	225 00	1145 12	2 24	6	48	370	4
20. Rappahannock.....	68 00	40 00	16 00	10 00	21 00	11 00	33 00	9 00	.....	4 00	3 05	4 00	61 83	131 85	642 21	1865 89	3 40	8	72	400	.....
Totals for 1898	1120 00	651 19	296 00	199 50	341 00	196 82	544 00	250 96	52 00	81 25	58 06	45 29	1055 28	4620 34	5593 05	29856 83	2 72	109	980	6543	386
Totals for 1897	1040 00	604 06	296 00	187 14	344 00	184 18	456 00	228 40	56 55	52 46	103 44	29 23	999 16	6289 89	4680 62	29965 71	2 76	113	1012	6742	339
Increase	80 00	47 13	.....	12 36	.....	12 64	88 00	22 56	.....	28 79	.....	16 06	56 12	.....	912 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	4 55	.....	45 38	.....	.....	1669 55	.....	108 88	04	4	32	199	.....

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.																	EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
		BAP-TISMS.		MEMB'RS.										COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.					No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Debt on Churches.	Debt on Parsonages.	Value of all other Church Proper'y
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	Profes-sion of Faith.	GAINS.			LOSSES.			No.	Value.			No.	Value.					
				White.	Colo'r'd						Certifi-cate & Other-wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re-mov'ls	With-dr'w'ls	Expul-sions.							Total Losses.				
1. Charlottesville and Belmont,	1	27	2	636	.....	636	770	.....	134	39	34	73	7	199	1	.....	207	2	120	1	\$15000 00	2	\$7090 00	900 00	.....	\$1700 00
2. Albemarle .....	.....	27	.....	104	.....	104	.....	104	.....	47	63	110	1	5	.....	.....	6	1	80	1	1800 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	420 00
3. Scottsville .....	.....	6	2	532	.....	534	570	.....	36	13	23	36	9	21	42	.....	72	.....	.....	6	6400 00	1	1800 00	.....	.....	.....
4. Batesville .....	.....	52	.....	499	2	501	422	79	.....	73	21	94	13	2	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	5	5400 00	1	1500 00	.....	.....	150 00
5. Nelson .....	.....	53	4	789	1	790	767	23	.....	62	4	66	12	20	11	.....	43	1	30	6	6500 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	350 00
6. Rockfish .....	.....	10	1	478	.....	478	484	.....	6	19	12	31	8	29	.....	.....	37	2	50	4	4000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	400 00
7. Amherst	1	30	.....	408	.....	408	366	42	.....	44	2	46	2	1	1	.....	4	.....	.....	5	4000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	150 00
8. West Amherst.....	1	54	1	653	1	654	544	110	.....	87	32	119	1	6	2	.....	9	.....	.....	7	4000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	556 67
9. Mt. Pleasant.....	1	33	5	535	1	536	631	.....	95	52	15	67	25	137	.....	.....	162	.....	.....	7	7250 00	1	1200 00	.....	.....	400 00
10. Milton Mission, .....	.....	47	10	715	.....	715	695	20	.....	60	5	65	4	41	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	6	5700 00	1	1500 00	.....	.....	400 00
11. Fluvanna	1	.....	1	715	.....	715	695	20	.....	60	5	65	4	41	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	3	1300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
12. Louisa.....	.....	.....	1	263	.....	263	272	.....	9	2	.....	2	5	6	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	6	7000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	450 00
13. Gordonsville.....	2	12	.....	553	2	555	552	3	.....	18	4	22	4	15	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	7	9200 00	1	1500 00	.....	.....	650 00
14. Orange.....	1	18	.....	755	1	756	729	27	.....	28	9	37	2	8	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	2	6000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00
15. Greene .....	.....	16	5	392	.....	392	392	.....	.....	19	6	25	5	18	2	.....	25	.....	.....	4	8800 00	1	1750 00	900 00	.....	.....
16. Madison	1	12	2	332	.....	332	315	17	.....	16	3	19	2	.....	.....	.....	2	1	30	7	9800 00	1	2500 00	.....	60 00	325 00
17. Woodville .....	.....	53	1	714	1	715	776	.....	61	56	10	66	30	90	7	.....	127	.....	.....	8	10000 00	1	1200 00	.....	.....	2250 00
18. Culpeper.....	1	25	1	952	2	954	930	24	.....	28	2	30	6	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	6	3275 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	335 00
19. Culpeper Circuit.....	.....	15	.....	487	.....	487	416	71	.....	19	59	78	4	.....	3	.....	7	.....	.....	1	6500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20. Rappahannock.....	.....	1	1	123	1	124	135	.....	11	1	9	10	1	19	1	.....	21	1	57	6	4500 00	1	500 00	.....	125 00	.....
Totals for 1898 .....	.....	8	.....	512	.....	512	548	.....	36	16	.....	16	4	45	3	.....	52	.....	.....	7	9200 00	1	800 00	.....	.....	1000 00
Totals for 1897	2	6	3	547	2	549	556	.....	7	13	5	18	9	14	2	.....	25	1	27	105	136425 00	16	25250 00	1800 00	185 00	10066 67
Increase .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	107	130175 00	16	24375 00	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	4	60	31	124	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	6	.....	66	289	20	.....	374	4	10	2	6250 00	.....	875 00	1800 00	185 00	10066 67

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W.M.S.	Raised by R. B'ds
Lynchburg District.	O. Littleton, P. E...	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Centenary	W. A. Christian.....		224 00	224 00	1900 00	1900 00	.....	100 00	6 00	146 00	7 51	94 94	.....
2. Court Street.....	A. Coke Smith.....		350 00	350 00	3000 00	3000 00	.....	151 44	108 56	641 45	108 55	216 58	.....
3. Memorial	J. C. Reed.....		237 00	237 00	1700 00	1700 00	.....	225 00	12 33	450 00	25 00	246 38	114 90
4. Trinity.....	L. C. Shearer		30 00	30 00	250 00	250 00	.....	14 50	.....	15 50	.....	.....	3 68
5. South View and Providence,	J. K. Clayton.....		25 00	20 00	200 00	200 00	5 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	7 73
6. Cabell Street.....	G. W. Dyer.....		42 00	42 00	600 00	650 00	.....	20 00	.....	45 00	.....	30 00	14 07
7. Madison Station.....	L. J. Phaup.....		39 00	39 00	600 00	600 00	.....	23 00	.....	10 10	10 00	.....	.....
8. Bedford City.....	S. S. Lambeth.....	5 15	93 00	93 00	1000 00	1000 00	.....	24 50	.....	40 62	7 36	67 29	1 63
9. Bedford Circuit.....	J. W. Shackford.....		97 00	92 92	900 00	861 58	42 50	58 22	2 00	93 16	3 18	.....	19 21
10. North Bedford.....	C. W. Leftwich.....		35 00	30 00	421 00	369 00	57 00	12 00	.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....
11. Bedford Springs.....	Jas. O. Moss.....	25 00	70 00	59 15	700 00	607 35	103 50	20 00	.....	25 00	.....	25 00	20 00
12. Middle Bedford.....	W. A. Tompkins...	13 00	48 00	37 92	399 66	313 64	96 10	7 50	.....	13 21	.....	.....	3 14
13. West Bedford.....	J. W. Heckman....	39 00	53 00	41 05	521 00	401 22	131 73	12 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	5 00
14 Staunton River.....	W. C. Pace.....		20 00	14 00	200 00	130 72	75 28	2 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....
15. West Campbell.....	Geo. H. Wiley.....		68 00	68 00	587 00	587 00	.....	20 00	.....	26 00	.....	30 00	.....
16. Campbell	Geo. E. Booker.....												
17. Concord.....	J. W. Parrish.....	3 00	76 00	76 00	560 00	576 00	.....	24 75	.....	45 00	.....	9 60	18 73
18. Appomattox.....	P. M. Bell.....		68 00	65 00	575 00	515 10	62 90	6 50	.....	16 85	.....	.....	1 50
19. West Charlotte.....	W. J. Williams.....	18 95	46 00	42 00	546 00	467 00	83 00	25 00	.....	54 00	.....	.....	.....
	Totals for 1898	104 10	1621 00	1561 04	14659 66	14128 61	591 01	756 66	128 89	1667 89	161 60	719 79	209 59
	Totals for 1897	129 47	1713 25	1616 63	15870 50	14921 35	1045 77	864 18	122 98	2106 55	150 00	754 56	214 84
	Increase								5 91		11 60		
	Decrease.....	25 37	92 25	55 59	1210 84	792 74	454 76	107 52		438 66		34 77	5 25

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for al. Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'LS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For All Other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. Centenary	\$140 00	\$100 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 26 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 66 00	\$.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 3 33	\$ 1 90	\$264 94	\$1274 58	\$ 830 61	\$ 5011 81	\$ 8 19	1	49	515	6
2. Court Street.....	244 00	244 00	70 00	70 00	80 00	80 00	102 00	102 00	.....	23 00	54 99	18 00	550 60	299 25	4607 58	10626 00	15 07	1	57	580	7
3. Memorial.....	171 00	171 00	50 00	40 00	59 00	40 00	73 00	50 00	.....	7 13	14 00	1 00	260 84	1377 25	1137 54	6109 37	13 88	2	53	356	9
4. Trinity.....	21 00	10 09	6 00	2 10	7 00	2 10	9 00	2 50	1 25	1 25	4 75	3 07	40 02	30 00	122 19	533 00	3 86	1	15	105	14
5. South View and Providence,	5 00	2 00	3 00	1 50	4 00	1 75	5 00	1 50	.....	.....	2 08	.....	29 70	12 50	72 07	365 83	1 99	2	15	125	40
6. Cabell Street.....	37 00	37 00	11 00	11 00	13 00	13 00	16 00	16 00	2 00	3 00	.....	.....	77 69	4902 70	15 16	5878 62	34 38	2	25	275	.....
7. Madison Station.....	26 00	26 00	7 00	7 00	9 00	9 00	14 00	14 00	.....	2 00	4 40	2 00	53 00	303 67	126 17	1229 34	3 84	2	30	190	30
8. Bedford City.....	70 00	25 00	19 00	6 60	23 00	8 05	30 00	9 00	1 75	.....	4 06	6 34	68 60	308 14	321 31	1998 40	7 27	2	31	257	.....
9. Bedford Circuit.....	63 00	50 40	13 00	10 40	15 00	12 00	22 00	17 60	3 15	4 00	.....	3 00	53 00	53 00	180 00	1516 82	2 64	7	52	386	26
10. North Bedford.....	36 00	16 00	7 00	6 00	8 00	4 00	11 00	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	40 00	437 00	65 00	1003 00	2 53	5	40	258	.....
11. Bedford Springs.....	53 00	20 00	12 00	5 00	15 00	10 00	22 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	14 22	2 00	57 00	95 60	114 50	1107 91	2 07	7	35	360	.....
12. Middle Bedford.....	32 00	11 25	8 00	3 75	10 00	4 00	15 00	5 75	2 00	1 25	92	2 03	22 79	229 00	3 56	674 96	1 33	5	59	332	3
13. West Bedford.....	36 00	13 00	10 00	4 00	13 00	4 55	18 00	6 00	2 50	2 00	3 25	4 20	15 00	2 00	93 25	668 02	1 08	5	30	320	.....
14. Staunton River.....	5 00	3 25	4 00	1 50	4 00	1 50	6 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 40	35	6 50	321 00	14 00	501 22	1 84	4	36	275	.2
15. West Campbell.....	36 00	18 00	12 00	5 00	14 00	5 00	20 00	8 00	2 00	2 00	2 08	1 25	30 00	60 00	210 00	1074 33	2 00	6	65	410	3
16. Campbell .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	48	350	.....
17. Concord.....	54 00	30 00	15 00	12 00	16 00	13 00	21 00	10 50	2 00	3 50	16 20	2 30	52 00	306 35	37 50	1238 43	2 46	7	65	405	2
18. Appomattox	44 00	11 00	13 00	8 30	14 00	1 00	17 00	6 00	.....	2 00	33	50	8 66	268 14	83 94	994 82	2 65	4	35	245	10
19. West Charlotte.....	30 00	30 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	12 00	14 00	14 00	.....	3 00	84	1 71	.....	.....	38 61	717 11	1 53	6	39	325	18
Totals for 1898	1260 00	817 99	333 00	230 15	383 00	240 95	612 00	272 85	23 65	65 13	126 85	49 65	1630 34	10280 27	8072 99	41248 99	4 96	76	779	6069	170
Totals for 1897	1170 00	881 37	333 00	255 26	387 00	248 28	513 00	255 11	41 21	63 77	150 31	81 03	2102 29	5104 02	7653 16	37716 37	4 65	77	767	6075	156
Increase	90 00	99 00	17 74	1 36	5176 25	419 83	3532 62	31
Decrease	63 38	25 11	4 00	7 33	17 55	23 46	31 38	471 95

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAP- TISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.							No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Debt on Churches.	Debt on Parsonages.	Value of all other Church Property	
				White.	Col'r'd					GAINS.				LOSSES.					No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
										Protes- tion of Faith.	Certi- cate & Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.										Total Losses.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
1. Centenary	2	5	3	611	1	612	615	.....	3	10	21	31	8	24	2	.....	34	2	190	1	\$ 41000 00	1	\$ 4000 00	\$ 8750 00	\$.....	\$ 4000 00
2. Court Street.....	1	6	5	705	.....	705	694	11	.....	9	24	33	3	18	1	.....	22	1	125	1	30000 00	2	8500 00	.....	.....	4000 00
3. Memorial.....	2	5	5	440	.....	440	459	.....	19	11	7	18	2	27	8	.....	37	1	113	1	18500 00	1	3000 00	.....	.....	1000 00
4. Trinity.....	.....	21	1	138	.....	138	116	22	.....	25	2	27	3	2	.....	.....	5	1	43	1	2200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
5. South View and Providence,	.....	45	.....	184	.....	184	134	50	.....	59	11	70	4	16	.....	.....	20	1	25	2	1200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6. Cabell Street.....	.....	3	1	171	.....	171	167	4	.....	4	11	15	2	9	.....	.....	11	1	40	2	12000 00	.....	.....	5000 00	.....	.....
7. Madison Station.....	1	12	5	320	.....	320	320	.....	.....	32	6	38	5	25	8	.....	38	1	75	3	2000 00	1	2000 00	.....	450 00	500 00
8. Bedford City..	.....	.....	2	275	.....	275	285	.....	10	1	22	23	4	25	4	.....	33	1	45	1	8500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	550 00
9. Bedford Circuit.....	2	26	4	574	.....	574	572	2	.....	37	10	47	4	38	3	.....	45	2	75	7	5000 00	1	1500 00	.....	.....	500 00
10. North Bedford.....	.....	25	.....	397	.....	397	357	40	.....	30	17	47	2	1	4	.....	7	2	35	5	3800 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11. Bedford Springs.....	.....	.....	2	535	.....	535	589	.....	54	5	5	10	5	56	3	.....	64	.....	.....	7	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	250 00
12. Middle Bedford.....	1	5	.....	509	.....	509	557	.....	48	6	3	9	7	6	44	.....	57	.....	.....	5	2500 00	1	400 00	.....	.....	153 00
13. West Bedford.....	1	16	.....	617	.....	617	625	.....	8	16	20	36	6	25	12	1	44	.....	.....	5	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	200 00
14. Staunton River.....	.....	1	.....	272	.....	272	266	6	.....	10	1	11	2	1	2	.....	5	.....	.....	4	1500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15. West Campbell.....	1	12	.....	537	.....	537	528	9	.....	13	1	14	2	.....	3	.....	5	5	200	6	4800 00	1	800 00	.....	.....	450 00
16. Campbell .....	.....	.....	.....	678	.....	678	678	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	125	6	6000 00	1	1500 00	.....	.....	300 00
17. Concord.....	.....	5	6	504	.....	504	539	.....	35	12	12	24	9	47	3	.....	59	2	80	4	2500 00	1	2000 00	.....	.....	100 00
18. Appomattox.....	2	26	5	375	.....	375	369	6	.....	39	7	46	2	23	15	.....	40	.....	.....	4	2500 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	50 00
19. West Charlotte.....	.....	19	1	468	.....	468	440	28	.....	24	20	44	4	12	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	6	4500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	225 00
Totals for 1898	13	232	40	8310	1	8311	8310	1	.....	343	200	543	74	355	112	1	542	23	1171	71	158500 00	13	26700 00	13750 00	450 00	12378 00
Totals for 1897	15	219	94	8109	1	8310	8455	145	319	255	574	89	750	76	4	919	31	1359	70	148900 00	13	25200 00	12610 00
Increase	201	1	24
Decrease	2	145	55

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	TRAVELING EXPENSES.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.					MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
			PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W.M.S	Raised by R. B'ds
Danville District.....	W. P. Wright, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. { Main Street.....	R. N. Sledd and	.....	315 00	315 00	2750 00	2750 00	.....	344 26	19 34	573 79	32 25	193 20	103 86
{ Floyd Street.....	J. C. Harry,	.....	25 00	25 00	250 00	250 00	.....	7 00	.....	12 40	.....	.....	.....
2. Cabell Street.....	J. O. Babcock.....	16 10	50 00	50 00	850 00	850 00	.....	37 97	.....	64 12	.....	71 08	.....
3. Mt. Vernon and Sunnyside,	J. T. Bosman.....	12 00	160 00	160 00	1400 00	1500 00	.....	100 00	2 50	167 51	7 30	84 55	40 00
4. Calvary and Washington Street,	T. J. Taylor and	18 00	160 00	160 00	1602 91	1602 91	.....	121 72	.....	205 04	.....	111 85	145 00
5. Pittsylvania.....	H. W. Dunkley,	.....	60 00	48 68	500 00	405 42	105 90	23 00	.....	43 35	6 65	.....	2 00
6. Chatham.....	S. H. Johnson.....	.....	75 00	75 00	700 00	700 00	.....	20 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	20 00
7. Cascade.....	J. B. Winn.....	.....	75 00	65 00	600 00	513 01	96 99	30 46	2 61	38 00	4 50	.....	8 21
8. North Pittsylvania...	S. R. Drewry.....	.....	60 00	60 00	540 00	540 00	.....	25 00	.....	30 00	.....	10 00	.....
9. Franklin.....	T. P. Duke.....	31 31	100 00	85 07	800 00	921 13	.....	25 46	.....	54 00	.....	60 65	6 78
10. East Franklin.....	E. E. Harrell.....	.....	65 00	56 00	600 00	536 99	72 01	10 00	.....	30 00	12 82	44 14	7 70
11. Middle Franklin.....	O. L. Martin.....	.....	15 00	10 00	97 00	65 44	36 56	2 21	.....	3 76	.....	.....	.....
12. West Franklin.....	R. C. Garland.....	.....	35 00	35 00	255 00	255 00	.....	18 00	2 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....
13. Henry.....	C. E. Blankenship,	.....	60 00	51 84	390 00	346 89	41 27	28 39	.....	33 94	4 00	.....	15 33
14. Martinsville.....	R. L. Wingfield.....	29 00	100 00	85 00	1100 00	965 78	149 22	30 00	.....	25 00	30 00	25 46	8 23
15. Patrick.....	H. C. Cheatham....	.....	50 00	42 42	375 00	318 14	64 44	24 20	.....	37 25	.....	1 75	.....
16. Meadows of Dan.....	H. F. B. Martin.....	.....	35 00	20 00	125 00	80 00	60 00	3 60	.....	4 40	.....	.....	.....
17. South Boston and Houston,	J. B. Lavinder.....	.....	60 00	60 00	820 00	820 00	.....	20 00	.....	80 00	4 23	.....	7 25
18. Halifax.....	F. M. Edwards.....	.....	65 00	65 00	620 00	620 00	.....	49 36	.....	83 36	.....	.....	3 50
19. East Halifax.....	M. S. Elliott.....	.....	35 00	28 53	275 00	275 68	5 79	13 00	.....	24 00	53	38 27	1 35
	W. T. A. Haynes..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals for 1898.....	106 41	1700 00	1497 54	14639 91	14316 39	425 08	933 63	26 45	1549 92	102 28	640 95	369 21
	Totals for 1897.....	141 87	1600 00	1507 22	14294 00	13838 31	548 47	855 27	20 56	1409 49	44 85	630 38	302 98
	Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	345 91	578 08	.....	78 36	5 89	140 43	57 43	10 57	66 23
	Decrease.....	35 46	.....	9 68	.....	.....	122 49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

DANVILLE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'L'S			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND		CHURCH EX-TENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. { Main Street.....	\$248 00	\$248 00	\$ 65 56	\$ 65 56	\$ 75 60	\$ 75 60	\$120 49	\$120 49	\$ 7 88	\$26 58	\$13 63	\$29 00	\$248 95	\$3500 00	\$1545 53	\$ 10212 93	\$21 05	1	48	425	3
1. { Floyd Street	19 69	7 50	5 21	2 50	6 00	3 00	9 56	3 50	60	1 50	1 51	.....	34 25	.....	123 59	472 35	7 49	1	9	96	8
2. Cabell Street.....	39 38	39 38	10 41	10 41	12 00	12 00	19 13	19 13	1 25	4 22	4 50	1 25	257 55	213 00	151 54	1803 50	6 33	1	33	1268	18
3. Mt. Vernon and Sunnyside,	126 00	126 00	33 30	33 30	38 40	38 40	61 20	35 44	4 00	5 50	7 50	2 50	186 64	.....	2131 46	4644 60	13 01	1	32	303	10
4. Calvary and Washington Street,	126 37	126 37	33 55	33 55	38 70	38 70	60 19	60 19	4 00	13 49	10 00	1 60	443 00	533 11	807 96	4436 49	7 01	4	58	996	20
5. Pittsylvania	47 25	38 00	12 47	10 00	14 40	6 00	22 95	10 20	1 50	3 00	6 30	2 00	46 10	87 08	111 49	850 77	1 52	10	88	582	.....
6. Chatham	59 06	21 00	15 62	5 61	18 00	4 00	28 96	4 50	.....	2 50	.....	1 00	60 00	410 00	165 00	1538 61	2 63	7	60	300	65
7. Cascade.....	59 06	30 75	15 62	12 50	18 00	8 47	28 96	10 00	1 88	5 00	9 85	2 00	51 62	211 00	362 74	1367 60	3 03	9	58	465	100
8. North Pittsylvania....	20 00	20 00	.....	6 50	.....	5 40	.....	10 00	1 00	2 00	.....	1 50	116 04	.....	385 21	1212 65	3 36	7	56	478	.....
9. Franklin.....	78 75	30 00	21 81	12 00	24 00	14 00	38 25	18 00	.....	5 00	4 94	1 06	32 50	136 00	135 09	1572 99	2 91	6	40	350	14
10. East Franklin.....	51 19	20 00	13 53	6 00	15 60	6 00	24 86	7 00	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	65 00	35 00	159 00	999 65	1 14	12	102	825	10
11. Middle Franklin	11 82	2 29	3 13	61	3 60	70	5 74	1 11	05	24	.....	.....	85	298 71	41 62	427 59	1 92	3	6	60	.....
12. West Franklin	27 56	4 00	7 29	1 50	8 40	2 00	13 39	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 93	564 00	184 95	1109 38	2 32	8	50	308	6
13. Henry	42 25	21 73	12 48	6 39	14 40	7 36	22 95	11 78	76	2 59	2 08	1 65	40 00	132 25	102 88	809 86	2 20	10	40	440	25
14. Martinsville	78 75	40 00	20 81	7 00	24 00	7 00	38 25	11 00	.....	.....	4 00	5 00	56 90	82 86	189 94	1602 17	6 18	1	17	138	.....
15. Patrelek	39 38	13 40	10 41	3 90	12 00	4 45	19 12	5 85	1 25	2 05	.....	65	50 00	25 00	45 00	575 31	1 49	7	50	410	.....
16. Meadows of Dan.....	27 56	2 70	7 29	80	8 40	50	13 39	1 40	20	40	.....	.....	.....	35 00	16 62	165 62	50	5	25	214	15
17. South Boston and Houston,	47 25	31 92	12 48	6 00	18 40	3 00	22 95	4 92	.....	1 00	5 77	4 00	52 00	150 00	100 00	1350 09	7 89	1	20	112	1
18. Halifax.....	51 19	51 19	13 53	13 53	15 60	15 60	24 86	24 86	5 48	1 62	7 00	8 00	45 00	546 78	160 00	1700 28	3 46	4	36	230	40
19. East Halifax.....	27 56	11 36	7 29	.....	8 40	3 00	13 39	5 00	30	1 00	11 69	3 31	33 01	211 33	61 46	702 82	2 29	5	35	193	.....
Totals for 1898	1260 00	885 59	333 00	237 66	384 00	255 18	612 00	368 37	31 15	79 69	88 77	65 52	1848 35	7171 12	6981 08	37555 26	4 51	103	863	8193	335
Totals for 1897	1170 00	789 13	333 00	227 50	387 00	242 87	513 00	318 74	67 89	68 00	60 01	64 49	1426 20	9248 13	15540 59	46804 48	5 78	105	863	8341	474
Increase	90 00	96 46	10 16	12 31	99 00	49 63	11 69	28 76	1 03	422 15
Decrease	3 00	36 74	2077 01	8559 51	9249 22	1 27	2	148	139

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PASTORAL CHARGES.		Local Preach'rs.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.															EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
					COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.																	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Debt on Churches.	Debt on Parsonages.	Value of all other Church Property
Adults.	Infants.	White.	Col'r'd	Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate & Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'is	With- dr'w'is	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.	No.	Members.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.							
1. { Main Street.....	1	2	5	485	.....	485	484	1	.....	3	38	41	5	28	7	.....	40	1	60	1	\$ 45000 00	1	\$ 5000 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 5000 00
{ Floyd Street.....	.....	1	.....	63	.....	63	74	.....	11	1	1	2	.....	10	3	.....	13	1	41	1	1600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2. Cabell Street.....	.....	33	6	285	.....	285	293	.....	8	46	16	62	3	58	9	.....	70	1	50	1	3000 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	75 00
3. Mt. Vernon and Sunnyside,	1	4	2	357	.....	357	345	12	.....	13	17	30	2	16	.....	18	1	62	2	18000 00	1	4000 00	.....	2000 00	2000 00	
4. Calvary and Washington Street,	2	8	1	633	.....	633	565	68	.....	30	80	110	8	23	11	.....	42	2	80	3	27500 00	1	5000 00	.....	.....	200 00
5. Pittsylvania .....	.....	32	.....	558	1	559	545	14	.....	40	3	43	4	13	12	.....	29	.....	.....	8	5000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	600 00
6. Chatham .....	.....	17	1	584	.....	584	543	41	.....	32	24	56	5	10	.....	15	1	25	6	7500 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	200 00	
7. Cascade .....	.....	48	.....	450	1	451	398	53	.....	72	2	74	4	15	2	.....	21	.....	.....	9	7900 00	1	800 00	50 00	.....	240 00
8. North Pittsylvania...	.....	.....	.....	390	.....	390	404	.....	14	14	.....	14	.....	28	.....	28	.....	.....	7	4800 00	1	800 00	.....	.....	300 00	
9. Franklin	1	18	1	541	.....	541	530	11	.....	20	22	42	6	18	7	.....	31	1	30	6	8600 00	1	2000 00	.....	.....	500 00
10. East Franklin	1	20	.....	873	.....	873	870	3	.....	23	.....	23	3	15	2	.....	20	.....	.....	5	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	150 00
11. Middle Franklin .....	.....	3	.....	222	.....	222	220	2	.....	3	3	6	.....	4	.....	4	.....	.....	2	1415 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	
12. West Franklin.....	2	38	2	477	.....	477	460	17	.....	43	1	44	5	22	.....	27	.....	.....	8	5750 00	.....	.....	698 00	.....	175 00	
13. Henry .....	.....	6	1	366	2	368	406	.....	38	8	7	15	4	48	1	.....	53	.....	.....	6	6000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	600 00
14. Martinsville.....	2	6	1	259	.....	259	269	.....	10	6	12	18	3	25	.....	28	1	29	2	5300 00	1	2500 00	.....	.....	1000 00	
15. Patrick	1	8	.....	383	3	386	387	.....	1	12	1	13	3	9	2	.....	14	.....	.....	7	5500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00
16. Meadows of Dan.....	5	7	.....	327	3	330	320	10	.....	7	11	18	1	1	4	2	8	.....	.....	5	2600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17. South Boston and Houston,	.....	1	6	169	2	171	170	1	.....	2	6	8	2	5	.....	7	1	40	2	6000 00	1	2500 00	.....	500 00	500 00	
18. Halifax.....	.....	23	3	480	.....	480	468	12	.....	23	4	27	8	7	.....	15	2	60	5	5250 00	1	1150 00	.....	.....	150 00	
19. East Halifax.....	.....	.....	5	307	.....	307	345	.....	38	2	9	11	4	27	18	.....	49	.....	.....	4	3000 00	.....	.....	79 00	.....	.....
Totals for 1898.....	16	275	34	8209	12	8221	8096	125	.....	406	257	657	70	382	78	2	582	12	477	90	174715 00	11	25750 00	918 00	2500 00	11930 00	
Totals for 1897.....	19	396	32	8083	13	8096	7880	216	.....	574	531	1105	103	519	46	65	733	9	395	86	174165 00	11	25600 00	.....	.....	10569 65
Increase .....	.....	.....	2	126	.....	125	216	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	3	82	4	550 00	.....	150 00	918 00	2500 00	1360 35
Decrease	3	121	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	174	274	448	33	137	.....	63	201	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W. M. S	Raised by R. B'ds.
Farmville District....	J. H. Riddick, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Farmville.....	T. McN. Simpson..	.....	193 00	193 00	1600 00	1600 00	.....	115 30	35 07	193 00	50 00	87 45	47 08
2. Prince Edward	A. L. Franklin.....	2 50	51 00	47 26	450 00	412 54	41 20	13 00	.....	28 00	.....	3 00	9 76
3. Prospect.....	Bascom Dey .....	.....	95 00	87 00	800 00	734 25	73 75	40 00	.....	46 00	.....	53 00	20 00
4. Charlotte.....	A. B. Sharpe.....	.....	56 00	56 00	551 00	551 00	.....	38 00	.....	64 00	.....	.....	10 00
5. West Buckingham...	J. E. Oyler	4 50	39 00	36 90	361 00	325 64	37 46	19 76	.....	34 07	.....	.....	.....
6. Buckingham	W. E. Grant.....	.....	69 00	64 40	631 00	556 60	79 00	15 00	.....	15 00	2 00	.....	.....
7. Cumberland	W. W. Sawyer .....	.....	89 00	80 75	800 00	745 25	63 00	20 00	.....	65 00	.....	20 00	.....
8. Amelia.....	E. V. Carson.....	.....	84 00	84 00	740 00	740 00	.....	31 00	.....	30 00	.....	55 00	12 00
9. Burkeville.....	J. L. Spencer and J. E. McCulloch.	6 00	57 00	57 00	413 00	417 75	.....	20 00	.....	60 00	.....	13 83	5 67
10. Crewe.....	J. T. Routten.....	4 00	97 00	97 00	900 00	900 00	.....	75 00	.....	121 00	5 00	92 13	90 73
11. Blackstone	R. A. Compton.....	32 00	103 00	83 00	850 00	787 83	82 17	71 00	8 00	125 63	7 37	.....	.....
12. Lunenburg.....	Jno. O. Moss.....	.....	117 00	117 00	950 00	950 00	.....	79 00	.....	181 93	.....	44 00	26 87
13. West Lunenburg.....	P. H. Clements.....	.....	25 00	20 73	275 00	200 00	79 27	14 76	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....
14. Mecklenburg	B. S. Herrink.....	.....	77 00	77 00	630 00	630 00	.....	30 00	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....
15. North Mecklenburg...	D. J. Traynham .....	.....	104 00	104 00	850 00	850 00	.....	64 00	.....	95 00	1 45	.....	10 00
16. Boydton	W. E. Thompson..	.....	104 00	104 00	850 00	850 00	.....	70 00	9 95	119 00	10 00	75 00	.....
17. Chase City.....	W. W. Royall.....	50 00	110 00	110 00	900 00	900 00	.....	75 00	.....	118 00	27 00	.....	5 00
18. Clarksville.....	E. P. Parham.....	.....	47 00	40 25	458 00	445 57	19 18	15 38	.....	35 00	.....	49 00	20 00
19. South of Dan.....	A. L. Carson.....	.....	61 00	61 00	521 00	521 00	.....	20 50	.....	15 50	.....	.....	.....
20. Hyco	R. H. Mullen.....	.....	61 00	52 78	450 00	389 16	69 06	20 82	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....
Totals for 1898		99 00	1639 00	1573 07	13980 00	13506 59	544 09	847 52	53 02	1442 13	102 82	492 41	257 11
Totals for 1897		263 98	1725 00	1643 55	13766 00	12981 05	886 40	811 20	43 96	1441 13	74 17	399 00	262 20
Increase	214 00	525 54	36 32	9 06	1 00	28 65	93 41
Decrease		164 98	86 00	70 48	342 31	5 09

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.								Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'L'S			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-school Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.	Number.			Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions	
	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.	Ass'ed.	Paid.														
1. Farmville	\$137 00	\$140 00	\$ 36 00	\$ 36 00	\$ 42 00	\$ 42 00	\$ 67 00	\$ 67 00	\$ 5 00	\$15 00	\$13 00	\$15 00	\$ 76 02	\$.....	\$ 341 82	\$3071 74	\$11 13	1	25	219	2	
2. Prince Edward.....	36 00	17 00	9 00	3 00	11 00	5 00	17 00	7 50	50	2 00	.....	2 00	28 00	152 87	41 90	775 83	1 93	4	38	200	.....
3. Prospect.....	67 00	67 00	18 00	14 00	20 00	17 00	32 00	10 00	1 00	5 00	6 00	1 00	40 00	100 00	90 00	1331 25	2 26	7	60	390	11	
4. Charlotte	39 00	39 00	11 00	11 00	12 00	12 00	19 00	19 00	2 00	4 00	8 44	5 14	28 00	170 00	153 00	1170 58	2 61	6	26	202	15	
5. West Buckingham....	31 00	21 13	8 00	5 45	9 00	6 13	15 00	10 22	67	2 07	1 41	.....	.....	.....	75 50	543 45	1 20	6	32	250	.....
6. Buckingham	55 00	16 00	15 00	4 25	17 00	5 25	27 00	3 00	50	2 00	.....	2 00	95 00	100 00	50 00	931 00	1 49	4	27	275	20
7. Cumberland	62 00	35 00	17 00	10 00	19 00	10 00	29 00	8 00	1 00	7 00	.....	2 25	.....	165 00	150 00	1319 25	2 53	4	40	225	15
8. Amelia.....	58 00	24 00	15 00	6 00	18 00	7 00	28 00	6 00	2 00	3 00	.....	1 00	90 00	330 00	100 00	1521 00	3 01	7	40	430	2
9. Burkeville.....	46 00	24 00	12 00	8 00	14 00	5 30	22 00	10 00	2 00	1 25	3 03	2 00	40 42	150 59	58 12	884 96	2 05	4	33	190	162	
10. Crewe	77 00	77 00	20 00	20 00	23 00	21 30	38 00	20 00	.....	5 00	4 28	.....	59 25	226 00	200 20	2017 89	5 90	2	26	239	.....
11. Blackstone	81 00	81 00	22 00	22 00	25 00	25 00	40 00	40 00	4 00	2 00	18 20	.....	102 00	1300 00	80 00	2789 03	6 59	2	37	360	8
12. Lunenburg.....	81 00	81 00	22 00	22 00	25 00	25 00	40 00	40 00	3 00	9 00	12 41	1 00	88 00	190 00	100 00	1970 21	3 68	4	40	277	7	
13. West Lunenburg.....	20 00	7 00	5 00	2 25	6 00	3 00	10 00	3 00	65	1 00	4 11	2 75	26 10	334 12	31 54	721 01	2 87	7	21	270	18	
14. Mecklenburg	54 00	37 00	14 00	8 00	16 00	8 00	26 00	10 00	.....	2 00	5 43	.....	31 00	5 00	25 00	928 43	2 46	4	48	191	10
15. North Mecklenburg...	73 00	65 00	19 00	12 00	22 00	12 00	35 00	30 00	1 00	6 00	3 00	1 10	46 00	1006 00	185 00	2491 65	3 23	9	50	360	25	
16. Boynton	73 00	73 00	19 00	19 00	22 00	22 00	35 00	35 00	3 00	8 00	.....	.....	23 00	1232 43	93 00	2746 38	24 09	1	12	70	.....
17. Chase City.....	71 00	71 00	20 00	20 00	24 00	24 00	38 00	30 00	2 00	8 00	11 45	9 05	120 00	125 00	120 00	1825 50	4 78	4	30	220	35	
18. Clarksville	37 00	25 77	10 00	5 00	11 00	7 00	18 00	18 00	1 00	3 00	7 42	4 00	30 18	3 25	85 00	794 82	3 27	4	28	153	3	
19. South of Dan.....	43 00	17 35	11 00	5 13	13 00	5 18	21 00	8 20	1 40	2 00	11 79	1 15	20 00	300 00	220 00	1210 20	3 05	6	40	330	36	
20. Hyco	43 00	27 76	11 00	5 14	13 00	6 14	21 00	5 52	.....	2 75	3 71	3 16	48 00	350 00	45 00	975 94	2 24	4	38	240	.....
Totals for 1898	1190 00	946 01	314 00	238 22	362 00	268 30	578 00	380 44	30 72	90 07	113 68	52 60	990 97	6290 26	2245 08	30020 02	3 52	90	691	5096	396	
Totals for 1897	1105 00	889 00	314 00	240 92	366 00	259 55	484 00	332 30	82 51	79 98	128 25	72 74	1103 77	3334 17	3624 46	28117 89	3 43	86	759	5011	225	
Increase	85 00	57 01	8 75	94 00	48 14	10 09	2906 09	1902 13	85	171	
Decrease	2 70	4 00	51 79	14 57	20 14	112 80	1379 38	4	68	

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.																EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
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		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.			Deaths	Re-mov'ls	With-dr'w'ls			Expul-sions.	Total Losses.	No.	Value.				No.	Value.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		
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PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W.M.S	Raised by R. B'ds
Petersburg District...	T. H. Campbell, P.E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Washington Street....	Geo. W. Wray.....	24 23	232 00	232 00	2300 00	2300 00	.....	120 87	30 60	181 30	30 60	407 10	.....
2. Market Street.....	R. T. Wilson .....	.....	181 00	181 00	1800 00	1800 00	.....	175 70	12 03	280 00	20 00	121 10	30 40
3. High Street	E. T. Dadmun.....	25 95	131 00	134 08	1300 00	1327 77	.....	83 15	21 85	124 32	32 68	84 86	20 00
4. Wesley.....	J. W. Stiff.....	.....	81 00	73 92	900 00	817 24	89 84	35 60	10 00	53 40	15 00	22 91	30 50
5. Blandford	R. E. Barrett .....	.....	30 00	30 00	300 00	300 00	.....	24 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	21 00
6. West Street.....	W. E. Evans.....	.....	30 00	30 00	350 00	300 00	50 00	4 14	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
7. Ettrick.....	R. B. Blankenship	25 37	75 00	75 00	750 00	750 00	.....	34 87	25 00	34 88	25 00	21 21	.....
8. Matoaca	F. W. Proctor .....	.....	40 00	40 00	400 00	400 00	.....	16 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
9. Dinwiddie	C. W. Turner.....	.....	68 00	61 32	675 00	616 14	65 54	22 00	.....	68 00	.....	25 50	24 86
10. East Dinwiddie.....	C. H. Green.....	6 14	76 00	61 19	750 00	622 86	141 95	21 96	.....	42 75	134 00	.....	.....
11. West Dinwiddie.....	W. P. Jordan.....	4 50	61 00	61 00	600 00	600 00	.....	30 72	.....	56 25	.....	2 50	24 19
12. Nottoway.....	J. R. Sturgis.....	48 00	55 00	52 00	600 00	568 00	35 00	32 00	.....	43 00	5 00	.....	8 00
13. Prince George.....	J. T. Moore.....	10 00	65 00	62 74	650 00	627 28	24 98	23 00	.....	80 00	.....	32 60	13 85
14. Wakefield.....	W. E. Allen.....	14 00	60 00	60 00	600 00	600 00	.....	25 00	5 00	75 00	5 00	.....	32 00
15. Sussex	J. E. R. Riddick.....	.....	71 00	65 86	740 00	646 35	98 79	10 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....
16. Greensville	R. H. Younger .....	.....	66 00	50 00	786 00	630 27	171 73	6 60	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....
17. South Brunswick	W. R. Smithey.....	.....	71 00	63 55	750 00	671 40	86 05	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....
18. Brunswick.....	C. E. Hobday.....	1 35	90 00	78 14	890 00	772 79	129 07	62 14	.....	70 00	.....	.....	.....
19. West Brunswick	J. B. DeBerry.....	9 80	71 00	71 00	650 00	650 00	.....	48 00	.....	96 00	.....	.....	38 46
20. Surry	L. L. Banks.....	.....	45 00	41 53	455 00	419 89	38 58	28 06	.....	48 02	11 37	.....	5 00
	Totals for 1898	169 34	1599 00	1524 33	16246 00	15419 99	931 53	828 81	104 48	1357 92	145 99	717 78	248 26
	Totals for 1897	94 28	1595 00	1529 64	16240 00	15665 28	640 08	750 41	78 11	1387 83	124 37	1277 11	283 43
	Increase	75 06	5 00	6 00	291 45	78 40	26 37	21 62
	Decrease	5 31	245 29	29 91	559 33	35 17

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For All Other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. Washington Street....	\$190 00	\$190 00	\$ 51 00	\$ 51 00	\$ 58 00	\$ 58 00	\$ 93 00	\$ 93 00	\$	\$20 00	\$11 86	\$ 9 00	\$259 94	\$ 449 31	\$1852 40	\$ 6321 21	\$10 56	1	48	340	6
2. Market Street.....	151 00	151 00	40 00	40 00	45 00	45 00	73 00	73 00	.....	16 00	12 40	15 00	186 07	100 00	1957 43	5216 13	12 05	1	41	226	1
3. High Street.....	109 00	80 85	28 00	17 30	33 00	17 60	53 00	25 10	.....	8 15	5 63	2 19	289 24	2397 64	670 10	5368 46	8 69	1	46	406	15
4. Wesley.....	67 00	45 00	18 00	18 00	20 00	10 00	33 00	8 00	4 00	5 00	5 41	5 00	165 62	51 00	378 42	1754 02	6 40	1	22	227	8
5. Blandford	25 00	10 00	7 00	4 00	8 00	2 00	12 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	.....	1 00	55 00	17 50	140 50	624 00	3 74	1	14	88	16
6. West Street.....	25 00	12 50	7 00	3 50	8 00	4 00	12 00	6 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	113 17	.....	80 00	560 31	2 47	1	20	184	.....
7. Ettrick.....	64 00	34 00	16 00	9 30	19 00	6 00	30 00	8 00	3 00	3 00	3 02	2 25	92 44	43 00	185 92	1381 26	4 38	1	28	236	59
8. Matoaca	29 00	18 00	9 00	5 00	10 00	6 15	14 00	7 55	.....	2 18	.....	.....	61 15	40 25	170 30	796 58	3 55	1	29	140	.....
9. Dinwiddie	56 00	50 00	15 00	15 00	17 00	10 00	28 00	17 19	.....	6 00	5 81	3 00	55 50	267 65	30 00	1277 97	2 74	6	51	379	30
10. East Dinwiddie.....	64 00	23 04	16 00	5 76	19 00	6 85	30 00	10 80	1 08	2 52	10 73	6 95	45 00	139 25	126 00	1134 22	2 06	6	64	320	20
11. West Dinwiddie.....	51 00	40 00	13 00	9 00	15 00	9 00	25 00	9 00	.....	.....	7 85	2 75	84 69	38 45	56 78	1036 58	2 62	6	55	238	.....
12. Nottoway.....	46 00	33 00	12 00	7 00	14 00	7 00	23 00	10 00	1 00	3 00	12 00	2 00	58 00	220 00	126 00	1235 00	3 39	6	61	267	9
13. Prince George	55 00	55 00	15 00	14 00	17 00	12 00	26 00	13 00	2 00	5 00	20 70	6 00	89 66	286 59	110 31	1463 73	3 57	7	65	308	.....
14. Wakefield.....	51 00	48 00	13 00	9 00	15 00	11 00	24 00	16 00	3 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	143 00	632 63	80 00	1776 63	6 60	5	44	259	8
15. Sussex.....	59 00	38 00	15 00	7 00	19 00	9 00	29 00	12 00	.....	3 00	3 00	1 00	70 00	490 00	52 00	1432 21	2 67	7	60	220	20
16. Greenville	54 00	6 00	15 00	1 25	18 00	1 50	27 00	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 00	.....	193 00	976 37	2 90	6	25	315	3
17. South Brunswick.....	59 00	50 00	16 00	10 00	18 00	15 00	29 00	18 00	3 00	4 00	.....	.....	20 00	600 00	10 00	1514 95	2 05	6	30	300	.....
18. Brunswick.....	75 00	45 00	20 00	15 28	23 00	5 00	36 00	5 75	2 50	2 50	12 00	.....	70 00	265 00	54 00	1461 45	2 23	7	59	269	.....
19. West Brunswick.....	59 00	59 00	16 00	16 00	18 00	18 00	29 00	29 00	.....	6 00	27 24	3 45	29 90	329 07	47 00	1477 92	2 85	4	54	248	7
20. Surry	37 00	28 86	10 00	7 80	11 00	8 98	18 00	14 03	2 00	2 57	2 70	.....	45 48	.....	249 05	915 34	3 23	2	23	118	.....
Totals for 1898	1330 00	1017 25	352 00	265 19	405 00	262 08	646 00	379 17	26 58	94 92	150 35	63 59	2011 86	6367 34	6569 11	37724 34	4 51	76	839	5088	202
Totals for 1897	1235 00	927 85	352 00	262 50	408 00	265 85	541 00	332 55	52 00	69 77	166 38	57 10	2238 46	9712 23	5805 87	41081 02	4 84	79	791	5094	398
Increase	95 00	89 40	2 69	105 00	46 62	25 15	6 49	763 24	48
Decrease	3 00	3 77	25 42	16 03	226 60	3344 89	3356 68	33	3	6	196

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAP- TISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
				MEMB'RS				COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.												CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Debt on Churches.	Debt on Parsonages.	Value of all other Church Property
		White.	Col'r'd	Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	GAINS.				LOSSES.						No.	Members.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.			
								Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate & Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.											
		1. Washington Street....	2	1	2	577	577	602	25	10	26	36	12	43	6	61	1	90	1	\$30000 00	1	\$5000 00	\$.....	\$.....	$3000 00
2. Market Street.....	2	2	3	433	.....	433	432	1	.....	9	22	31	6	22	2	.....	30	2	100	1	20000 00	1	3000 00	.....	.....	4500 00
3. High Street.....	.....	4	3	618	.....	618	591	27	.....	18	42	60	7	24	1	1	33	1	60	1	22000 00	1	3000 00	4500 00	.....	2000 00
4. Wesley.....	.....	6	4	274	.....	274	272	2	.....	12	10	22	6	13	1	.....	20	1	58	1	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	1000 00
5. Blandford .....	.....	20	1	167	.....	167	137	30	.....	30	4	34	1	2	1	.....	4	1	35	1	2000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	250 00
6. West Street.....	.....	7	5	227	.....	227	200	27	.....	18	9	27	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7. Ettrick.....	1	25	9	315	.....	315	274	41	.....	41	7	48	4	3	.....	.....	7	2	115	1	2000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	500 00
8. Matoaca .....	.....	.....	.....	229	.....	229	228	1	.....	5	.....	5	2	2	.....	.....	4	1	55	1	1800 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 00
9. Dinwiddie	1	17	2	466	.....	466	513	.....	47	23	2	25	7	65	.....	.....	72	2	63	7	6000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	250 00
10. East Dinwiddie.....	.....	19	12	551	.....	551	510	41	.....	39	37	76	12	18	5	.....	35	1	47	7	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	600 00
11. West Dinwiddie.....	.....	3	9	396	.....	396	407	.....	11	3	5	8	4	14	1	.....	19	.....	.....	6	6500 00	1	800 00	.....	.....	475 00
12. Nottoway.....	.....	14	7	363	1	364	357	7	.....	16	3	19	4	8	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	5	4000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	600 00
13. Prince George.....	.....	3	2	410	.....	410	423	.....	13	6	42	48	7	43	11	.....	61	.....	.....	7	5000 00	1	1200 00	.....	.....	600 00
14. Wakefield.....	.....	8	1	266	.....	266	246	20	.....	15	7	22	1	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	4	5500 00	1	1500 00	.....	.....	300 00
15. Sussex.....	.....	15	14	536	1	537	602	.....	65	19	8	27	4	88	.....	.....	92	.....	.....	7	6500 00	1	1200 00	.....	.....	300 00
16. Greensville.....	.....	8	2	337	.....	337	324	13	.....	11	9	20	3	4	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	6	4000 00	1	1250 00	.....	.....	150 00
17. South Brunswick .....	.....	3	3	738	.....	738	778	.....	40	3	3	6	15	30	1	.....	46	.....	.....	7	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	100 00
18. Brunswick.....	.....	.....	2	654	.....	654	731	.....	77	.....	25	25	21	70	11	.....	102	.....	.....	7	6300 00	1	1200 00	.....	.....	225 00
19. West Brunswick	1	1	6	518	.....	518	581	.....	63	11	2	13	4	72	.....	.....	76	.....	.....	4	4000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	300 00
20. Surry.....	.....	15	.....	283	.....	283	275	8	.....	16	9	25	3	5	.....	9	17	.....	.....	3	2100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00
Totals for 1898	7	171	87	8358	2	8360	8483	.....	123	305	272	577	123	527	40	10	700	12	623	78	145000 00	16	25150 00	4500 00	.....	15650 00
Totals for 1897	8	258	85	8480	3	8483	8451	32	.....	599	149	748	105	523	88	.....	716	7	358	79	132100 00	16	25350 00	.....	.....	.....
Increase .....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	123	.....	18	4	.....	10	.....	5	265	.....	.....	12900 00	.....	.....	.....	15650 00
Decrease	1	87	.....	122	1	123	.....	.....	.....	294	.....	171	.....	48	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W.M.S.	Raised by R. B'ds
Portsmouth District	J. H. Amiss, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Monumental, West Norfolk & Port Norfolk,	L. B. Betty and J. B. Askew,	.....	252 00	252 00	2942 24	2942 24	.....	197 75	.....	333 47	4 60	320 14	31 82
2. Central.....	Geo. H. Ray.....	27 00	140 00	140 00	1240 00	1240 00	.....	87 25	.....	91 75	11 80	.....	.....
3. Wright Memorial.....	W. G. Boggs.....	.....	132 00	132 00	1200 00	1200 00	.....	25 00	.....	42 00	.....	.....	.....
4. Owens Memorial.....	R. T. Waterfield.....	.....	28 00	28 00	600 00	600 00	.....	24 00	.....	41 00	.....	.....	.....
5. Park View.....	W. R. Proctor.....	.....	56 00	56 00	1000 00	1000 00	.....	50 00	.....	84 00	.....	.....	27 00
6. Norfolk Circuit.....	R. B. Beadles.....	.....	64 00	64 00	900 00	900 00	.....	52 00	.....	86 00	.....	14 00	32 92
7. Churchland.....	V. W. Bargamin... 12 00	.....	48 00	48 00	700 00	700 00	.....	18 00	.....	34 00	.....	5 00	.....
8. Suffolk.....	W. T. Green.....	.....	148 00	148 00	1400 00	1400 00	.....	132 00	.....	179 50	42 50	117 70	27 41
9. East Suffolk and Magnolia,	J. H. Kabler.....	5 00	20 00	20 00	275 00	275 00	.....	13 53	.....	25 00	.....	.....	26 54
10. Windsor.....	J. A. Thomas.....	.....	48 00	48 00	627 00	627 00	.....	42 00	.....	7 36	64 64	.....	.....
11. Ebenezer.....	D. B. Austin.....	.....	40 00	40 00	450 00	450 00	.....	17 32	.....	17 32	.....	.....	6 37
12. Isle of Wight.....	C. H. McGhee.....	.....	88 00	88 00	935 00	935 00	.....	18 70	7 12	31 60	7 13	.....	6 15
13. Smithfield.....	J. K. Jolliff.....	11 62	56 00	56 00	900 00	900 00	.....	20 00	.....	42 00	.....	34 00	17 36
14. Benn's.....	R. S. Baughan.....	.....	48 00	48 00	577 00	577 00	.....	42 00	.....	72 00	.....	.....	8 75
15. Newsom's.....	N. B. Foushee.....	.....	68 00	68 00	775 00	775 00	.....	35 00	.....	70 00	.....	.....	15 00
16. Southampton.....	C. C. Wertenbaker,.....	.....	88 00	79 88	900 00	842 43	65 69	70 00	.....	100 00	28 07	.....	21 78
17. Boykin's.....	M. S. Colonna.....	.....	56 00	56 00	800 00	800 00	.....	43 00	.....	71 80	.....	.....	28 53
18. Whaleyville and Somerton,	F. G. Davis.....	.....	44 00	38 09	484 00	432 32	57 59	35 00	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....
19. First Church.....	J. T. Whitley.....	7 50	140 00	140 00	1500 00	1500 00	.....	49 00	36 00	65 00	100 00	67 00	44 00
20. West End.....	G. H. Lambeth.....	.....	36 00	36 00	800 00	800 00	.....	31 00	.....	58 49	23 53	.....	.....
	Totals for 1898.....	63 12	1600 00	1585 97	19005 24	18895 99	123 28	1002 55	43 12	1512 29	282 36	557 84	293 63
	Totals for 1897.....	110 67	1599 88	1515 42	19013 00	18278 27	819 19	919 28	56 74	1406 43	211 03	734 26	368 83
	Increase.....	12	70 55	617 72	83 27	105 86	71 33
	Decrease.....	47 55	7 76	695 91	13 62	176 42	75 20

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'LS				
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For All Other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions	
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.														
1. Monumental, W. Norfolk and Port Norfolk,	\$231 00	\$203 92	\$ 61 00	\$ 30 67	\$ 70 00	\$ 35 23	\$105 00	\$ 57 16	\$ 2 30	\$ 1 50	\$10 25	\$24 76	\$614 27	\$1479 55	\$2545 18	\$ 9086 81	\$11 34	3	57	449	11	
2. Central.....	118 00	91 45	33 00	22 95	39 00	20 00	52 00	35 75	12 50	7 60	4 50	2 00	304 23	124 00	818 79	3041 66	6 36	1	38	252	20	
3. Wright Memorial.....	121 00	70 00	31 00	20 00	37 00	13 00	59 00	16 00	.....	6 00	.....	3 00	.....	598 98	370 08	2496 06	5 97	2	41	302	11
4. Owens Memorial	26 00	26 00	6 00	6 00	8 00	8 00	13 00	13 00	1 00	3 00	3 41	.....	91 17	273 24	418 26	1536 08	7 39	1	16	120	.....
5. Park View.....	52 00	52 00	14 00	14 00	16 00	16 00	25 00	25 00	.....	6 00	3 25	1 00	308 50	290 00	544 88	2477 63	13 11	1	34	194	12
6. Norfolk Circuit.....	59 00	59 00	15 00	10 00	18 00	10 00	29 00	8 00	.....	6 00	10 00	1 00	103 62	233 00	79 50	1669 04	5 85	5	36	278	12
7. Churchland	44 00	23 00	12 00	6 50	13 00	4 00	22 00	8 00	6 00	4 00	14 00	.....	25 00	.....	444 02	1351 52	24 13	1	.....	.....	.....
8. Suffolk.....	136 00	136 00	36 00	36 00	41 00	41 00	66 00	66 00	.....	15 00	15 20	10 35	145 66	1663 80	824 78	5000 90	11 02	1	27	250	5
9. East Suffolk and Magnolia,	18 00	12 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	3 73	9 00	5 00	.....	1 50	3 66	.....	36 70	204 04	147 73	783 43	5 15	2	18	129	34
10. Windsor	44 00	44 00	12 00	12 00	13 00	13 00	21 00	21 00	2 00	5 00	4 29	2 00	39 45	825 00	185 50	1942 24	7 86	4	32	191	6	
11. Ebenezer	37 00	13 25	10 00	3 20	11 00	3 30	18 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	70	1 10	45 79	303 92	99 65	1009 92	8 86	1	19	119	.....
12. Isle of Wight	81 00	21 13	21 00	5 00	26 00	5 80	39 00	6 70	2 25	3 50	4 32	.....	43 74	200 00	158 00	1544 14	3 26	3	32	173	.....
13. Smithfield.....	51 00	40 00	14 00	10 00	16 00	10 00	25 00	10 00	.....	3 50	7 44	1 67	68 14	2338 35	292 74	3862 82	19 12	1	23	151	.....
14. Bepn's.....	44 00	44 00	12 00	12 00	13 00	13 00	21 00	21 00	2 00	5 00	7 10	4 00	77 68	30 00	225 14	1188 67	4 17	3	48	213	5	
15. Newsom's.....	62 00	50 00	17 00	17 00	19 00	14 00	31 00	13 20	.....	5 00	12 00	5 00	75 00	174 00	40 00	1368 20	1 91	5	69	372	10
16. Southampton.....	81 00	80 00	21 00	15 00	26 00	13 00	39 00	27 00	.....	4 00	9 73	4 45	155 93	547 90	256 53	2255 70	4 34	9	91	548	.....
17. Boykin's.....	52 00	43 10	14 00	12 00	16 00	14 00	25 00	20 00	1 00	2 00	3 47	1 00	40 00	450 00	75 00	1660 90	3 57	7	60	410	14	
18. Whaleyville and Somerton,	40 00	35 00	11 00	8 00	12 00	10 00	20 00	15 00	.....	4 00	8 10	.....	27 73	.....	60 00	733 24	2 87	2	20	110	5
19. First Church	129 00	115 00	34 00	34 00	39 00	30 00	62 00	40 00	8 00	14 00	18 00	14 00	148 95	241 60	484 42	3166 47	10 29	1	24	204	.....
20. West End.....	33 00	33 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	16 00	16 00	.....	3 00	10 16	6 69	172 32	.....	513 95	1723 14	7 49	1	28	123	3
Totals for 1898	1470 00	1191 85	389 00	287 32	448 00	287 06	714 00	427 81	39 05	101 60	149 58	82 02	2523 88	9977 38	8534 15	47838 57	6 98	54	713	4588	148	
Totals for 1897	1365 00	1087 54	389 00	302 21	451 00	299 00	599 00	405 65	88 50	84 24	211 54	81 66	2711 30	7024 25	10366 78	46263 58	6 90	52	699	4685	192	
Increase	105 00	104 31	115 00	22 16	17 36	36	2953 13	1574 99	
Decrease	14 89	3 00	11 94	49 45	61 96	187 42	1832 63	2	14	97	44

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.															EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.							
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.										No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Debt on Churches.	Debt on Parsonages.	Value of all other Church Proper'y
										GAINS.					LOSSES.							No.	Value.	No.	Value.			
										White	Color'd	Profes- sion of Faith.	Certif- cate & Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.										No.	Value.	No.	Value.
				1. Monumental, W. Nor- folk and Port Norfolk,	3					14	16	801	801	750	51	18	61			79	9	18	1			
2. Central.....	1	2	20	478	478	527	49	7	1	8	12	39	6	57	2	200	1	15000 00	1	3500 00	2000 00	1900 00		
3. Wright Memorial.....	.....	23	5	418	.....	418	420	.....	2	12	5	17	9	10	.....	.....	19	1	145	2	21900 00	1	1250 00	.....	.....	1500 00
4. Owens Memorial	1	20	4	208	.....	208	153	55	.....	45	21	66	5	6	.....	.....	11	1	73	1	10000 00	.....	.....	4000 00	.....	300 00
5. Park View.....	.....	11	16	189	.....	189	156	33	.....	26	12	38	2	3	.....	.....	5	1	80	1	5500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1250 00
6. Norfolk Circuit.....	.....	7	5	285	.....	285	282	3	.....	14	3	17	4	9	1	.....	14	.....	.....	5	7500 00	1	1600 00	.....	.....	650 00
7. Churchland .....	.....	.....	1	56	.....	56	55	1	.....	.....	5	5	2	2	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	3000 00	1	1500 00	.....	.....	450 00
8. Suffolk.....	.....	2	4	454	.....	454	448	6	.....	8	23	31	2	23	.....	.....	25	2	119	1	15000 00	1	3000 00	800 00	.....	1500 00
9. East Suffolk and Magnolia,	.....	23	1	152	.....	152	128	24	.....	36	3	39	4	9	2	.....	15	1	42	2	3000 00	1	1000 00	.....	600 00	300 00
10. Windsor .....	.....	6	4	247	.....	247	234	13	.....	19	3	22	6	3	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	4	6500 00	1	1200 00	250 00	30 00	400 00
11. Ebenezer .....	.....	.....	.....	114	.....	114	116	.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	4	.....	.....	4	1	50	1	3000 00	1	1200 00	.....	.....	300 00
12. Isle of Wight.....	.....	15	3	473	.....	473	457	16	.....	21	5	26	4	6	.....	.....	10	1	26	4	9000 00	1	2000 00	400 00	.....	350 00
13. Smithfield .....	.....	1	.....	202	.....	202	196	6	.....	6	13	19	3	6	4	.....	13	2	140	1	10000 00	1	2500 00	1000 00	.....	.....
14. Benn's.....	1	4	1	285	.....	285	292	.....	7	15	4	19	4	16	6	.....	26	.....	.....	3	3500 00	1	1250 00	.....	.....	400 00
15. Newsom's.....	.....	10	2	717	1	718	721	.....	3	15	.....	15	7	10	1	.....	18	.....	.....	5	5600 00	1	1400 00	.....	275 00	325 00
16. Southampton.....	.....	6	7	520	.....	520	524	.....	4	10	8	18	4	11	7	.....	22	4	210	6	9200 00	1	1500 00	355 00	.....	450 00
17. Boykin's.....	.....	15	4	464	.....	464	446	18	.....	34	7	41	6	17	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	5	7000 00	1	1400 00	.....	.....	440 00
18. Whaleyville and Somerton,	.....	6	2	255	.....	255	256	.....	1	7	5	12	6	1	6	.....	13	.....	.....	2	2250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	175 00
19. First Church .....	.....	2	13	302	.....	302	329	.....	27	7	7	14	5	21	15	.....	41	1	52	1	6000 00	1	2000 00	234 00	150 00	.....	
20. West End.....	.....	5	12	230	.....	230	215	15	.....	10	25	35	2	12	6	.....	20	1	104	1	2500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00
Totals for 1898	6	172	120	6850	1	6851	6705	146	.....	310	213	523	96	226	55	.....	377	22	1617	51	193550 00	16	30300 00	7879 00	4755 00	14190 00
Totals for 1897	4	245	133	6704	1	6705	6631	74	.....	445	324	789	79	385	54	.....	513	19	1308	50	182200 00	16	29950 00	.....	.....	.....
Increase	2	146	146	17	1	3	309	1	11350 00	14190 00		
Decrease	73	13	155	111	266	154	136	350 00		

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W. M. S.	Raised by R. B'ds.
Norfolk District.....	J. P. Garland, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Cumberland Street....	H. E. Johnson.....	7 60	238 00	238 00	2000 00	2000 00	.....	96 00	100 00	204 00	100 00	90 45	.....
2. Epworth	W. J. Young.....	.....	364 00	364 00	3000 00	3000 00	.....	300 00	.....	551 08	56 92	220 17	89 44
3. Queen Street.....	J. W. Moore.....	.....	120 00	120 00	1487 66	1487 66	.....	99 00	.....	86 05	19 54	48 20	101 96
4. Centenary	W. H. Edwards.....	6 65	125 00	125 00	1700 00	1700 00	.....	103 00	.....	174 00	.....	129 08	.....
5. McKendree.....	R. H. Bennett.....	.....	116 00	116 00	1400 00	1400 00	.....	96 00	.....	162 00	.....	176 00	25 00
6. Lekies Memorial	W. E. Judkins	30 00	50 00	50 00	1150 00	1150 00	.....	41 00	.....	70 00	.....	19 10	.....
7. Trinity.....	Lloyd T. Williams .....	.....	42 00	31 46	720 00	540 54	190 00	30 00	.....	56 00	.....	22 35	2 57
8. Huntersville	R. W. Webb.....	.....	12 00	12 00	400 00	400 00	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
9. Chestnut Street.....	R. M. Chandler.....	.....	120 00	120 00	1600 00	1600 00	.....	65 00	.....	106 00	.....	103 00	21 00
10. Liberty Street.....	Paul Bradley.....	.....	40 00	40 00	650 00	650 00	.....	20 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
11. South Norfolk..	C. D. Crawley and J. A. Proctor,	.....	106 00	106 00	1100 00	1100 00	.....	60 00	.....	115 00	.....	.....	57 91
12. East Norfolk.....	J. D. Hank .....	.....	95 00	95 00	1100 00	1100 00	.....	25 00	.....	50 00	.....	51 69	.....
13. Oaklette & Gilmerton	J. W. Baker .....	.....	30 00	30 00	530 00	530 00	.....	12 36	3 44	19 70	5 30	.....	15 00
14. Lambert's Point.....	G. H. Spooner.....	12 50	50 00	50 00	950 00	950 00	.....	41 00	.....	70 00	.....	.....	7 50
15. Haygood and Lynnhaven,	A. A. Jones.....	.....	35 00	35 00	600 00	600 00	.....	17 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	14 43
16. Princess Anne.....	G. F. Greene.....	8 60	95 00	91 00	950 00	910 00	44 00	66 00	9 86	100 00	9 00	22 06	10 00
17. S. Princess Anne.....	J. W. Nicholson....	22 85	122 00	122 00	1000 00	1000 00	.....	70 00	5 00	140 00	10 00	18 00	25 00
18. Fox Hill.....	McD. Rucker.....	21 00	40 00	40 00	600 00	608 56	.....	13 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	8 66
19. Seaman's Bethel	J. B. Merritt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for 1898		109 20	1800 00	1785 46	20937 66	20726 76	225 44	1159 36	118 30	1983 83	200 76	900 10	378 47
Totals for 1897		109 75	1800 00	1794 29	20700 00	20646 36	59 35	1120 80	69 50	2209 60	59 33	833 17	320 93
Increase	137 66	166 09	38 56	48 80	141 43	66 93	57 54
Decrease		55	8 83	19 60	225 77

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.													
1. Cumberland Street....	\$204 00	\$204 00	\$ 54 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 62 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 99 00	\$ 80 00	\$ 1 00	\$15 00	\$ 1 00	\$15 00	\$168 93	\$ 192 70	\$2793 11	\$ 6416 79	\$10 09	1	32	280	14
2. Epworth	312 00	312 00	83 00	83 00	95 00	95 00	151 00	151 00	.....	33 00	10 00	25 00	400 00	6781 50	6040 06	18512 17	22 97	1	69	339	20
3. Queen Street.....	103 00	103 00	27 00	27 00	32 00	32 00	50 00	50 00	.....	11 00	6 41	.....	205 58	91 60	1838 09	4327 09	7 98	1	34	356	15
4. Centenary.....	107 00	107 00	28 00	28 00	33 00	33 00	52 00	52 00	.....	12 00	4 00	11 00	147 42	744 35	937 91	4314 41	10 45	1	28	232	9
5. McKendree.....	99 00	99 00	26 00	26 00	30 00	30 00	48 00	48 00	.....	11 00	6 00	1 00	266 00	573 00	1055 00	4090 00	7 52	1	37	280	15
6. Lekies Memorial.....	43 00	43 00	11 00	11 00	13 00	10 00	21 00	11 62	.....	.....	4 25	3 80	100 80	.....	461 72	2006 29	8 80	1	26	210	6
7. Trinity.....	35 00	23 00	10 00	3 02	11 00	3 02	18 00	12 02	.....	1 14	.....	.....	115 51	237 85	110 44	1088 92	5 85	1	16	190	.....
8. Huntersville	10 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	.....	50	.....	.....	35 88	33 00	83 10	581 48	8 31	1	15	94	.....
9. Chestnut Street.....	103 00	103 00	27 00	27 00	31 00	31 00	50 00	50 00	.....	11 00	2 00	1 00	188 00	300 00	1050 00	3678 00	8 38	1	36	231	.....
10. Liberty Street	34 00	20 00	9 00	5 00	10 00	6 00	16 00	7 00	.....	2 00	4 45	.....	61 88	227 50	139 74	1213 57	8 37	1	26	200	15
11. South Norfolk.....	90 00	80 00	24 00	18 00	28 00	20 00	44 00	30 00	.....	7 50	24 26	5 05	75 68	172 25	332 50	2204 15	3 83	7	97	509	.....
12. East Norfolk.....	81 00	30 00	21 00	11 00	25 00	20 00	39 00	15 00	.....	4 00	5 10	2 00	130 44	263 31	226 25	2028 79	12 08	2	35	130	.....
13. Oaklette & Gilmerton	26 00	14 00	7 00	4 00	8 00	5 00	13 00	7 00	.....	1 25	2 00	1 50	73 00	95 65	239 80	1059 00	12 76	2	23	85	2
14. Lambert's Point.....	43 00	43 00	11 00	11 00	13 00	13 00	21 00	21 00	1 00	5 00	4 34	5 00	95 00	468 00	297 50	2094 84	15 18	1	18	144	9
15. Haygood and Lynnhaven,	30 00	15 00	8 00	8 00	9 00	4 00	15 00	7 00	1 00	3 00	10 00	1 00	25 00	325 00	36 34	1121 77	9 43	2	17	116	2
16. Princess Anne.....	82 00	66 00	21 00	15 00	25 00	10 00	39 00	20 00	.....	5 00	25 60	5 00	110 00	117 76	191 68	1792 56	3 09	4	67	379	21
17. S. Princess Anne.....	97 00	97 00	28 00	28 00	32 00	32 00	42 00	42 00	.....	5 00	10 89	10 00	354 41	375 00	328 25	2700 40	3 47	8	148	757	17
18. Fox Hill	34 00	34 00	9 00	9 00	.....	7 00	.....	8 00	.....	2 00	7 00	1 00	80 84	.....	163 63	1128 69	6 24	1	32	262	1
19. Seaman's Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for 1898 ..	1540 00	1396 00	407 00	365 02	470 00	412 02	748 00	613 64	3 00	129 39	127 30	87 35	2634 37	10998 47	16325 12	60358 92	9 10	37	756	4794	146
Totals for 1897	1430 00	1270 50	407 00	372 26	473 00	410 50	627 00	527 31	62 50	124 58	191 29	84 25	2585 85	17914 08	16075 90	66782 83	9 97	39	751	4656	163
Increase	90 00	125 50	1 52	121 00	86 33	4 81	3 10	48 52	249 22	5	138
Decrease	7 24	3 00	59 50	63 99	6915 61	6423 91	87	2	17

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAP- TISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.							No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Debt on Churches.	Debt on Parsonages.	Value of all other Church Property	
										GAINS.				LOSSES.												
				White.	Col'd					Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate & Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.			Total Losses.							
1. Cumberland Street....	2	8	3	636	.....	636	650	.....	14	37	17	54	16	46	5	1	68	2	136	1	\$ 30000 00	1	\$ 5000 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$11000 00
2. Epworth	1	8	17	806	.....	806	745	61	.....	30	76	106	10	28	7	.....	45	2	232	1	130000 00	1	7000 00	51000 00	.....	.....
3. Queen Street.....	1	.....	.....	541	1	542	602	.....	60	24	10	34	11	65	18	.....	94	1	123	1	25000 00	.....	.....	5500 00	.....	1500 00
4. Centenary .....	.....	3	16	413	.....	413	425	.....	12	15	13	28	6	34	.....	.....	40	2	140	1	32000 00	.....	.....	6000 00	.....	500 00
5. McKendree.....	1	5	1	544	.....	544	529	15	.....	20	27	47	4	27	1	.....	32	1	30	1	25000 00	.....	.....	3000 00	.....	500 00
6. Lekies Memorial .....	.....	2	3	228	.....	228	236	.....	8	14	30	44	6	41	5	.....	52	2	113	1	14000 00	1	2800 00	3000 00	1400 00	850 00
7. Trinity.....	.....	1	.....	186	.....	186	188	.....	2	3	7	10	4	8	.....	.....	12	1	33	1	4000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	450 00
8. Huntersville.....	1	.....	.....	70	.....	70	65	5	.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	1	2500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9. Chestnut Street.....	.....	5	9	439	.....	439	418	21	.....	34	11	45	3	19	2	.....	24	2	95	1	11000 00	1	3500 00	.....	800 00	800 00
10. Liberty Street.....	.....	4	2	145	.....	145	122	23	.....	6	26	32	1	8	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	1	4000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00
11. South Norfolk.....	2	19	11	576	.....	576	616	.....	40	32	2	34	8	59	7	.....	74	.....	.....	7	8000 00	1	1600 00	.....	.....	1100 00
12. East Norfolk	1	5	.....	168	.....	168	160	8	.....	6	4	10	.....	2	.....	.....	2	1	86	2	9000 00	1	2500 00	.....	.....	900 00
13. Oaklette & Gilmerton	.....	2	10	83	.....	83	84	.....	1	3	3	6	.....	7	.....	.....	7	1	35	2	3000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00
14. Lambert's Point .....	.....	5	.....	138	.....	138	123	15	.....	18	17	35	2	17	1	.....	20	.....	.....	1	8000 00	1	2000 00	600 00	.....	.....
15. Haygood and Lynnhaven,	.....	.....	1	119	.....	119	121	.....	2	1	3	4	2	4	.....	.....	6	1	50	2	3500 00	.....	.....	150 00	.....	1100 00
16. Princess Anne.....	2	5	19	581	.....	581	618	.....	37	22	10	32	10	58	1	.....	69	.....	.....	4	8800 00	1	1000 00	300 00	.....	750 00
17. S. Princess Anne.....	1	30	22	779	.....	779	813	.....	34	67	2	69	5	93	5	.....	103	.....	.....	5	5500 00	1	2000 00	.....	.....	500 00
18. Fox Hill .....	.....	.....	4	181	.....	181	181	.....	.....	2	4	6	2	4	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	1	2000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	200 00
19. Seaman's Bethel .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for 1898.....	12	102	118	6633	1	6634	6696	.....	62	334	267	601	90	520	52	1	663	17	1098	34	325300 00	10	28400 00	69550 00	2200 00	20950 00
Totals for 1897.....	10	155	145	6695	1	6696	6418	76	.....	369	277	646	60	435	49	26	510	19	1524	34	324800 00	10	27800 00	.....	.....	.....
Increase	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	85	3	.....	93	.....	.....	.....	500 00	.....	600 00	.....	.....	.....
Decrease .....	.....	53	27	62	.....	62	.....	.....	.....	35	10	45	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	2	426	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W.M.S	Raised by R. B'ds
Eastern Shore Dist....	W. C. Vaden, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Capeville.....	J. L. Bray.....	10 00	87 00	87 00	800 00	835 00	.....	25 00	.....	35 00	5 00	54 30	.....
2. Cape Charles and Cheriton,	G. W. Jones and J. E. White,	10 00	72 00	71 00	764 00	745 38	19 62	23 00	5 00	45 00	6 84	55 00	34 48
3. Franktown.....	N. H. Robertson.....	.....	97 00	97 00	900 00	900 00	.....	65 04	4 96	83 81	9 97	93 13	102 67
4. Belle Haven.....	A. A. Whitmore.....	.....	81 00	70 20	875 00	755 03	130 77	30 33	.....	61 17	3 49	132 94	14 21
5. Keller.....	J. Carson Watson..	17 85	87 00	87 00	775 00	775 00	.....	37 20	.....	63 00	.....	87 74	46 10
6. Wachapreague.....	G. E. B. Smith.....	.....	35 00	35 00	390 00	390 00	.....	13 00	.....	10 00	.....	38 45	7 50
7. Pungoteague.....	W. H. Gregory.....	.....	119 00	119 00	1100 00	1100 00	.....	27 00	.....	45 00	.....	158 00	25 00
8. Onancock.....	W. R. Crowder...	10 00	119 00	119 00	1050 00	1050 00	.....	50 83	5 00	90 00	.....	106 00	38 90
9. Onley.....	J. R. Griffith.....	.....	96 00	87 66	1000 00	913 19	95 15	28 00	.....	35 53	.....	105 00	35 75
10. Accomac.....	E. F. Garner.....	.....	85 00	85 00	675 00	692 42	.....	30 00	.....	40 00	2 10	37 27	24 39
11. Bloxom.....	J. R. Gill.....	.....	66 00	66 00	674 00	674 00	.....	20 00	.....	42 00	.....	39 20	12 00
12. West Accomac.....	W. G. Bates.....	38 00	83 00	83 00	536 00	536 00	.....	19 00	.....	17 93	16 07	.....	.....
13. Wicomico.....	C. H. Galloway.....	.....	66 00	57 75	600 00	525 00	83 25	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
14. Salisbury.....	R. H. Potts.....	.....	113 00	113 00	1100 00	1100 00	.....	17 00	50 00	7 00	106 53	46 03	.....
15. Berlin.....	E. L. Peerman.....	.....	34 00	28 00	450 00	339 90	116 10	6 00	.....	11 00	8 00	.....	.....
16. Cambridge Station.....	R. M. Maxey.....	16 00	97 00	97 00	900 00	900 00	.....	53 50	.....	100 00	9 00	18 00	.....
17. Cambridge Circuit.....	C. W. Cain.....	40 00	76 00	76 00	700 00	700 00	.....	18 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....
18. Dorchester.....	J. E. Brooks.....	.....	.....	.....	425 00	350 00	75 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....
19. South Dorchester.....	J. D. Hosier.....	.....	49 00	49 00	435 00	435 00	.....	10 00	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....
	Totals for 1898.....	141 85	1462 00	1427 61	14149 00	13715 92	467 47	487 90	64 96	754 44	167 00	971 06	341 00
	Totals for 1897.....	161 99	1501 00	1468 96	14297 50	13920 96	408 58	470 43	68 37	771 50	197 55	827 72	357 02
	Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111 31	17 47	.....	.....	.....	143 34	.....
	Decrease.....	20 14	39 00	41 35	147 50	205 04	.....	.....	3 41	17 06	30 55	.....	16 02

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.							Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'LS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-school Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.													
1. Capeville.....	\$ 64 00	\$ 35 00	\$ 17 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 31 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 5 00	\$.....	\$ 42 70	\$ 800 00	\$ 125 00	\$2090 50	\$ 8 26	1	21	176	10
2. Cape Charles and Cheriton,	54 00	30 00	14 00	7 00	16 00	6 00	23 00	7 00	2 00	3 00	6 62	4 00	80 24	950 00	125 92	2217 48	8 80	3	37	200	10
3. Franktown.....	72 00	72 00	20 00	20 00	16 00	16 00	35 00	35 00	.....	8 00	7 59	.....	30 00	450 00	100 00	2095 17	5 39	2	35	250	3
4. Belle Haven.....	60 00	45 00	17 00	10 00	19 00	10 00	27 00	10 00	3 00	5 00	8 35	5 00	51 72	95 55	182 22	1493 21	4 43	3	60	255	.....
5. Keller.....	65 00	39 00	17 00	10 20	20 00	12 00	31 00	18 60	3 00	3 60	13 56	7 37	59 99	328 35	266 54	1876 10	5 60	2	28	198	.....
6. Wachapreague.....	24 00	11 50	7 00	3 00	8 00	4 00	12 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	128 00	518 00	12 50	1179 45	4 64	5	42	285	.....
7. Pungoteague.....	88 00	35 00	23 00	16 00	27 00	6 00	43 00	13 00	.....	5 00	5 01	2 50	100 00	1000 00	300 00	2956 51	5 53	4	48	400	5
8. Onancock.....	88 00	80 00	23 00	10 00	27 00	10 00	43 00	28 00	5 00	8 00	12 05	4 97	100 00	1000 00	257 00	2984 75	6 63	2	52	350	5
9. Onley.....	78 00	26 00	20 00	13 22	22 00	7 33	39 00	13 00	.....	5 00	6 28	.....	131 12	2 75	142 09	1551 92	4 36	4	45	275	.....
10. Accomac.....	63 00	30 00	17 00	8 00	18 00	6 00	32 00	10 50	1 50	2 00	.....	.....	57 40	88 60	98 50	1213 68	4 91	4	59	262	.....
11. Bloxom.....	48 00	22 00	13 00	6 00	15 00	8 00	23 00	12 00	.....	2 05	6 32	2 00	100 00	1000 00	80 00	2091 57	5 00	4	35	345	10
12. West Accomac.....	63 00	20 00	17 00	5 00	18 00	6 00	32 00	10 00	2 00	3 00	1 80	1 00	85 00	180 00	60 00	1083 80	2 75	3	75	449	.....
13. Wicomico.....	48 00	19 00	12 00	5 00	15 00	6 00	24 00	9 00	.....	1 00	5 00	.....	47 00	41 00	55 00	780 75	2 02	4	55	235	17
14. Salisbury.....	85 00	85 00	22 00	22 00	25 00	25 00	41 00	41 00	7 00	9 00	5 32	.....	24 00	29 15	444 63	2131 66	11 22	1	19	218	7
15. Berlin.....	28 00	9 50	8 00	2 00	9 00	2 00	9 00	2 50	75	75	1 80	1 66	34 08	3 30	39 96	491 20	1 66	5	40	250	.....
16. Cambridge Station....	72 00	72 00	19 00	19 00	22 00	22 00	33 00	35 00	.....	.....	3 58	2 00	76 86	119 00	.....	1542 94	5 67	1	26	204	21
17. Cambridge Circuit....	49 25	31 00	14 00	5 00	16 25	7 00	21 50	7 00	.....	1 00	2 00	1 35	25 00	60 00	75 00	1088 35	4 28	4	45	210	2
18. Dorchester.....	29 00	8 00	7 00	1 00	9 00	1 00	14 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	389 25	1 67	2	30	128	6
19. South Dorchester.....	37 00	12 00	9 00	5 00	11 00	4 00	18 00	3 00	.....	3 00	2 00	1 00	25 00	600 00	50 00	1212 00	5 77	4	20	150	26
Totals for 1898.....	1120 25	682 00	296 00	177 42	341 00	168 33	544 50	266 60	29 25	63 90	99 03	33 85	1198 11	7265 70	2414 36	30470 29	5 05	58	772	4840	122
Totals for 1897.....	1040 00	632 50	296 00	179 78	344 00	186 80	456 00	229 70	37 46	53 44	142 73	52 55	1350 56	5183 97	3059 01	29353 10	4 87	61	860	5074	232
Increase.....	80 25	49 50	88 50	36 90	10 46	2081 73	1117 19	19
Decrease.....	2 36	3 00	17 47	8 21	43 70	18 70	152 45	644 65	3	88	234	110

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preach'rs.	BAP- TISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.								
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMB'RS		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.										No.	Members.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES		Debt on Churches.	Debt on Parsonages.	Value of all other Church Property
				White.	Col'r'd					GAINS.				LOSSES.								No.	Value.	No.	Value.			
										Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate & Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov'ls	With- dr'w'ls	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.	No.	Value.									
1. Capeville.....	2	3	2	252	.....	252	423	.....	171	6	1	7	2	175	1	.....	178	.....	.....	1	\$ 2000 00	1	\$1500 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 500 00
2. Cape Charles and Cheriton,	.....	21	13	252	.....	252	79	173	.....	28	166	194	.....	21	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	3	11000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3. Franktown.....	.....	3	23	389	.....	389	413	.....	24	3	5	8	6	18	8	....	32	.....	.....	2	9000 00	1	2000 00	.....	175 00	300 00
4. Belle Haven.....	.....	4	11	337	.....	337	350	.....	13	8	16	24	2	28	7	.....	37	1	30	3	3700 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00
5. Keller	1	.....	25	335	.....	335	556	.....	221	1	8	9	1	228	1	.....	230	.....	.....	2	4000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	250 00
6. Wachapreague	1	16	13	254	.....	254	.....	254	.....	30	228	258	4	.....	.....	.....	4	1	65	3	2500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00
7. Pungoteague.....	2	6	12	535	.....	535	538	.....	3	9	11	20	5	17	1	.....	23	2	75	4	11000 00	1	2000 00	800 00	100 00	.....	
8. Onancock .....	.....	5	.....	450	.....	450	456	.....	6	5	4	9	4	11	.....	.....	15	1	40	2	7500 00	1	1500 00	1500 00	.....	300 00
9. Onley.....	.....	5	6	356	.....	356	351	5	.....	10	2	12	3	3	1	.....	7	.....	.....	4	6500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1500 00
10. Accomac .....	.....	13	2	247	.....	247	235	12	.....	20	3	23	2	8	1	.....	11	.....	.....	3	5000 00	1	2400 00	.....	800 00	200 00
11. Bloxom.....	.....	10	14	418	.....	418	438	.....	20	10	4	14	6	3	25	.....	34	1	20	1	6000 00	2	3000 00	50 00	350 00	350 00
12. West Accomac .....	.....	1	19	396	.....	396	372	24	.....	5	22	27	2	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	3	4800 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13. Wicomico.....	.....	.....	14	386	.....	386	357	29	.....	36	.....	36	6	1	.....	.....	7	1	60	4	6200 00	1	1100 00	.....	.....	500 00
14. Salisbury	1	.....	16	190	.....	190	183	7	.....	9	4	13	3	1	2	.....	6	1	75	1	8000 00	1	3000 00	.....	.....	2000 00
15. Berlin.....	2	3	29	296	.....	296	282	14	.....	21	1	22	4	4	.....	.....	8	2	50	5	3800 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16. Cambridge Station....	1	.....	31	272	.....	272	237	35	.....	40	11	51	2	14	.....	.....	16	1	40	1	20000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
17. Cambridge Circuit....	1	2	15	254	.....	254	250	4	.....	8	.....	8	3	.....	1	.....	4	.....	.....	4	4000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	400 00
18. Dorchester.....	2	.....	.....	233	.....	233	343	.....	110	.....	.....	.....	5	105	.....	.....	110	.....	.....	3	6500 00	1	1100 00	.....	.....	.....
19. South Dorchester.....	.....	28	.....	210	.....	210	165	45	.....	30	60	90	2	33	10	.....	45	.....	.....	4	5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	.....	200 00
Totals for 1898	13	120	245	6062	.....	6062	6028	34	.....	279	546	825	62	670	59	.....	791	11	455	53	126500 00	11	18100 00	2350 00	1425 00	7400 00
Totals for 1897 .	10	209	263	6028	.....	6028	5915	113	.....	517	103	620	46	365	96	.....	507	6	240	55	119700 00	13	18500 00	.....	.....	.....
Increase	3	34	34	443	205	16	305	284	5	215	6800 00		
Decrease	89	18	238	37	2	2	400 00		

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1898.

DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING ELDERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised in Ch'chs.	Raised in S.Sch's	Raised by W.M.S	Raised by R. B'ds
1. Richmond	Alex. G. Brown.....	\$114 25	\$ 1790 00	\$ 1746 79	\$ 21039 00	\$ 20592 21	\$490 00	\$988 53	\$57 50	\$1483 74	\$115 28	\$841 30	\$341 57
2. West Richmond.....	Paul Whitehead....	136 50	1800 00	1698 49	16833 00	16089 25	845 26	905 59	33 71	1530 92	140 83	807 12	339 33
3. Rappahannock.....	Charles E. Watts...	77 70	1400 00	1339 39	10783 00	10427 20	416 41	534 17	83 31	862 13	205 75	370 32	349 92
4. Charlottesville.....	J. S. Hunter.....	199 75	1506 00	1420 73	14193 50	13349 50	929 27	597 19	69 75	994 68	72 73	141 75	207 01
5. Lynchburg.....	Oscar Littleton.....	104 10	1621 00	1561 04	14659 66	14128 61	591 01	756 66	128 89	1667 89	161 60	719 79	209 59
6. Danville	Wm. P. Wright....	106 41	1600 00	1497 54	14639 91	14316 39	425 98	933 63	26 45	1549 92	102 28	640 95	369 21
7. Farmville.....	J. H. Riddick.....	99 00	1639 00	1573 07	13980 00	13506 59	544 09	847 52	53 02	1442 13	102 82	492 41	257 11
8. Petersburg.....	T. H. Campbell.....	169 34	1599 00	1524 33	16246 00	15419 99	900 68	828 81	104 48	1357 92	145 99	717 78	248 26
9. Portsmouth.....	Jos. H. Amiss.....	63 12	1600 00	1585 97	19005 24	18895 99	123 28	1002 55	43 12	1512 29	282 36	557 84	293 63
10. Norfolk.....	J. Powell Garland,	109 20	1800 00	1785 46	20937 66	20726 76	225 44	1159 36	118 30	1983 83	200 76	900 10	378 47
11. Eastern Shore.....	W. C. Vaden.....	141 85	1462 00	1427 61	14149 00	13715 92	467 47	487 90	64 96	754 44	167 00	971 06	341 00
	Totals for 1898	1321 22	17725 00	17089 09	174819 97	169621 64	5834 24	9041 91	783 49	15139 89	1697 40	7160 42	3335 10
	Totals for 1897	1439 33	18007 13	17166 89	176406 00	168990 32	8259 52	8943 66	644 41	15906 69	1221 24	7362 61	3346 71
	Increase					631 32		98 25	139 08		476 16		
	Decrease	118 11	282 13	77 80	1586 03		2425 23			766 80		202 19	11 61

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

DISTRICTS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.								Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHO'LS			
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATIONAL FUND		CHURCH EXTENS'N FUND.		General Conference Expenses.	Annual Conference Expenses.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	Sunday-School Purposes.	Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.	Number.			Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions	
	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.	Ases'd.	Paid.														
1. Richmond	\$1540 00	\$1157 50	\$407 00	\$341 00	\$469 00	\$353 00	\$748 00	\$430 10	\$16 50	\$144 50	\$155 72	\$61 39	\$4336 15	\$9932 24	15607 72	\$57816 97	\$ 6 42	54	946	6516	344	
2. West Richmond.....	1330 00	1075 15	351 00	296 25	405 00	322 50	646 00	486 10	29 00	105 20	111 06	132 68	2120 00	9023 75	13415 50	48798 93	6 09	60	701	4887	127	
3. Rappahannock.....	840 00	618 89	222 00	172 56	256 00	172 34	408 00	252 51	12 10	58 31	204 85	55 30	1121 11	5161 25	2206 31	24285 42	3 34	73	790	5237	158	
4. Charlottesville.....	1120 00	651 19	296 00	199 50	341 00	196 82	544 00	250 96	52 00	81 25	58 06	45 29	1055 28	4620 34	5593 05	29856 83	2 72	109	980	6543	386	
5. Lynchburg... ..	1260 00	817 99	333 00	230 15	383 00	240 95	612 00	272 85	23 65	65 13	126 85	49 65	1630 34	10280 27	8072 99	41248 99	4 96	76	779	6069	170	
6. Danville.....	1260 00	885 59	333 00	237 66	384 00	255 18	612 00	368 37	31 15	79 69	88 77	65 52	1848 35	7171 12	6981 08	37555 26	4 51	103	863	8193	335	
7. Farmville.....	1190 00	946 01	314 00	238 22	362 00	268 30	578 00	380 44	30 72	90 07	113 68	52 60	990 97	6290 26	2245 08	30020 02	3 52	90	691	5096	396	
8. Petersburg.....	1330 00	1017 25	352 00	265 19	405 00	262 08	646 00	379 17	26 58	94 92	150 35	63 59	2011 86	6367 34	6569 11	37724 34	4 51	76	839	5088	202	
9. Portsmouth.....	1470 00	1191 85	389 00	287 32	448 00	287 06	714 00	427 81	39 05	101 60	149 58	82 02	2523 88	9977 38	8534 15	47838 57	6 98	54	713	4588	148	
10. Norfolk	1540 00	1396 00	407 00	365 02	470 00	412 02	748 00	613 64	3 00	129 39	127 30	87 35	2634 37	10998 47	16325 12	60358 92	9 10	37	756	4794	146	
11. Eastern Shore.....	1120 00	682 00	296 00	177 42	341 00	168 33	544 00	266 60	29 25	63 90	99 03	33 85	1198 11	7265 70	2414 36	30470 29	5 05	58	772	4840	122	
Totals for 1898	14000 00	10439 42	3700 00	2810 29	4264 00	2938 58	6800 00	4128 55	293 00	1013 96	1385 25	729 24	21470 42	87088 12	87964 47	445974 54	5 03	790	8830	61851	2534	
Totals for 1897	13000 00	9780 85	3700 00	2809 64	4300 00	2933 68	5700 00	3701 09	717 47	831 75	1661 74	805 71	22008 37	81048 50	92049 95	443370 61	5 05	801	8878	62283	2954	
Increase	1000 00	658 57	65	4 90	1100 00	427 46	182 21	6039 62	2603 93	
Decrease	36 00	424 47	276 49	76 47	537 95	4085 48	02	11	48	432	420	

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers	BAP- TISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														EPW'TH LEAG'ES		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
				MEMB'RS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.										CHURCHES.	PARSONAGES		Debt on Churches.	Debt on Parsonages.	Value of all other Church Prop'ry	
		GAINS.								LOSSES.																
		Adults.	Infants.	White.	Color'd					Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate & Other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths	Re- mov- is	With- dr'w is	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.	No.	Members.		No.	Value.		No.	Value.	
1. Richmond	10	227	144	9153	5	9158	8991	167	.....	521	379	900	85	543	105	.....	733	29	1854	50	\$218950 00	13	\$26100 00	\$28133 00	\$2075 00	\$13800 00
2. West Richmond.....	12	117	70	8009	1	8010	8099	.....	89	226	217	443	87	392	53	.....	582	26	1580	63	223900 00	11	26100 00	7768 00	4095 00	22740 00
3. Rappahannock	10	198	110	7565	6	7571	7602	.....	31	294	78	372	95	221	87	.....	403	14	510	67	105145 00	13	17250 00	1208 00	750 00	3500 00
4. Charlottesville.....	12	505	39	10979	16	10995	10870	125	.....	712	318	1030	154	676	75	.....	905	9	394	105	136425 00	16	25250 00	1800 00	185 00	10066 67
5. Lynchburg	13	232	40	8310	1	8311	8310	1	.....	343	200	543	74	355	112	.....	542	23	1171	71	158500 00	13	26700 00	13750 00	450 00	12378 00
6. Danville	16	275	34	8209	12	8221	8096	125	.....	400	257	657	70	382	78	1	532	12	477	90	174715 00	11	25750 00	918 00	2500 00	11930 00
7. Farmville	11	375	72	8513	7	8520	8201	319	.....	544	226	770	74	327	44	2	451	12	496	86	93600 00	17	21250 00	408 00	450 00	5805 00
8. Petersburg.....	7	171	87	8358	2	8360	8483	.....	123	305	272	577	123	527	40	6	700	12	623	78	145000 00	16	25150 00	4500 00	.....	15650 00
9. Portsmouth	6	172	120	6850	1	6851	6705	146	.....	310	213	523	96	226	55	10	377	22	1617	51	193350 00	16	30300 00	7879 00	4755 00	14190 00
10. Norfolk.....	12	102	118	6633	1	6634	6696	.....	62	334	267	601	90	520	52	.....	663	17	1098	34	325300 00	10	28400 00	69550 00	2200 00	20950 00
11. Eastern Shore.....	13	120	245	6062	.....	6062	6028	34	.....	279	546	825	62	670	59	1	791	11	455	53	126500 00	11	18100 00	2350 00	1425 00	7400 00
Totals for 1898	122	2494	1079	88641	52	88693	87881	812	.....	4268	2973	7241	1010	4839	760	20	6629	187	10275	748	1901585 00	147	270350 00	138264 00	18885 00	138409 67
Totals for 1897	127	3207	1167	87830	51	87881	86084	1797	.....	5708	3106	8814	941	4992	826	97	6856	176	9322	750	1838888 00	148	258825 00	.....	.....	126634 65
Increase .....	.....	.....	.....	811	1	812	1797	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	953	.....	62697 00	.....	11525 00	138264 00	18885 00	11775 02
Decrease	5	713	88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1440	133	1573	.....	153	66	77	227	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....

XI.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

I. TRAVELING PREACHERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission on trial into the traveling connection.

The letters denote: *E*—Elder; *D*—Deacon; *P*—Probationer; *Sy*—Supernumerary; *Sd*—Superannuated.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICES.
1. Allen, Wm. E.....	1859	E	Wakefield, Va.
2. Amiss, Jos. H.....	1854	E	Bowling Green, Va.
3. Anderson, James M.....	1857	E	Saluda, Va.
4. Askew, Jacob B.....	1879	E	Mt. Laurel, Halifax Co., Va.
5. Atwill, Wm. H.....	1874	E	Ashland, Va.
6. Austin, Daniel B.....	1891	E	Crittenden, Va.
7. Babcock, Jas. O.....	1887	E	Lancaster, Va.
8. Bacon, Herbert T.....	1865	E Sd	Clarksville, Va.
9. Bain, Wm. F.....	1851	E Sd	Gordonsville, Va.
10. Baker, Jas. W.....	1892	E	Oaklette, Va.
11. Bane, Chas. L.....	1887	E	Richmond, Va.
12. Banks, Leroy L.....	1891	E	Buckingham, Va.
13. Bargamin, Vincent W.....	1884	E	Churchland, Va.
14. Barrett, Robert E.....	1881	E	Petersburg, Va.
15. Bates, Walter G.....	1880	E	Keller, Va.
16. Battin, Samuel J.....	1896	D	Hampton, Va.
17. Baughan, Robert S.....	1893	E	Burkeville, Va.
18. Bayton, Thos. J.....	1846	E Sd	Portsmouth, Va.
19. Beadles, Robert B.....	1855	E	Portsmouth, Va.
20. Beadles, R. Fletcher.....	1892	E	Portsmouth, Va.
21. Beauchamp, Wm. B.....	1893	E	Richmond, Va.
22. Beckham, Benj. M.....	1891	E	Richmond, Va.
23. Bell, Patrick M.....	1889	E	Appomattox, Va.
24. Bennett, Richard H.....	1889	E	Norfolk, Va.
25. Bentley, Robert E.....	1892	E	Walkerton, Va.
26. Berryman, Albert C.....	1876	E	Yale, Sussex Co., Va.
27. Betty, Lewis B.....	1875	E	Portsmouth, Va.
28. Blankenship, R. B.....	1877	E	Portsmouth, Va.
29. Blankenship, Chas. E.....	1895	D	Callaway, Va.
30. Bledsoe, J. Wiley.....	1869	E	Miller School, Va.
31. Boggs, Chas. H.....	1851	E Sd	Richmond, Va.
32. Boggs, Wm. G.....	1885	E	Petersburg, Va.
33. Booker, Geo. E.....	1859	E Sd	Cumberland C. H., Va.
34. Booker, Geo. E., Jr.....	1893	E	Richmond, Va.
35. Bosman, Jno. T.....	1884	E	Danville, Va.
36. Bowles, Henry C.....	1860	E Sd	Stella, Patrick Co., Va.
37. Bradley, Paul.....	1875	E	Berklev, Va.
38. Brannin, Jas. F.....	1845	E Sd	Kelley's Ford, Culpeper Co., Va.
39. Bray, Jno. L.....	1889	E	Capeville, Va.

NAMES.		ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICES.
40.	Brooks, Jas. E.....	1897	D P	Fishing Creek, Dorchester Co., Md.
41.	Brown, Alex. G.....	1853	E	Ashland, Va.
42.	Brown, Henry J.....	1884	E	Glendale, Va.
43.	Bullard, Wm. E.....	1886	E	West Point, Va.
44.	Burch, W. G.....	1898	P	Farnham, Richmond Co., Va.
45.	Burruss, Frank.....	1897	P	Montross, Va.
46.	Burton, Jno. M.....	1876	E	Moorman's River, Va.
47.	Busby, Robert L.....	1898	P	Boonsboro, Bedford Co., Va.
48.	Butts, Daniel G. C.....	1870	E	Belle Roi, Gloucester Co., Va.
49.	Cain, Chas. W.....	1880	E	Cambridge, Md.
50.	Campbell, Thos. H.....	1872	E	Ashland, Va.
51.	Camper, Wm. H.....	1859	E Sy	Nason, Orange Co., Va.
52.	Cannon, Jas., Jr.....	1888	E	Blackstone, Va.
53.	Carroll, Jno. W.....	1880	E	Batesville, Va.
54.	Carson, Esthmus V.....	1889	E	Amelia, Va.
55.	Carson, Adrian L.....	1892	E	Mt. Carmel, Halifax Co., Va.
56.	Cary, J. Franklin.....	1898	P	Port Norfolk, Va.
57.	Chandler, Richard M.....	1876	E	Berkley, Va.
58.	Cheatham, Henry C.....	1857	E	Martinsville, Va.
59.	Christian, W. Asbury.....	1892	E	Lynchburg, Va.
60.	Clarke, John L.....	1848	E Sd	Charlottesville, Va.
61.	Clarke, Randolph T.....	1889	E	Harris Creek, Amherst Co., Va.
62.	Clayton, Jno. K.....	1897	D P	Lynchburg, Va.
63.	Clements, Patrick H.....	1895	D	Lunenburg, Va.
64.	Colonna, Major S.....	1858	E	Benn's Church, Va.
65.	Colonna, Major S., Jr.....	1894	E	Newport News, Va.
66.	Comer, Chas. F.....	1882	E	Gordonsville, Va.
67.	Compton, Robert A.....	1862	E	Blackstone, Va.
68.	Conrad, W. A. S.....	1888	E	Stanardsville, Va.
69.	Crawley, Chas. D.....	1874	E	Swansboro, Va.
70.	Crider, Jno. W.....	1854	E Sd	Norfolk, Va.
71.	Crocker, Wm. A.....	1843	E Sd	Lilian, Northumberland Co., Va.
72.	Crooks, Robert N.....	1855	E Sd	Yorktown, Va.
73.	Crowder, Wm. R.....	1883	E	Tanner's Creek, Norfolk Co., Va.
74.	Dadmun, Edward T.....	1892	E	Petersburg, Va.
75.	Davidson, M. A.....	1858	E	Emporia, Va.
76.	Davis, Wilbur F.....	1885	E	Hague, Westmoreland Co., Va.
77.	Davis, Fred. G.....	1894	E	Whaleyville, Va.
78.	Day, Samuel W.....	1891	E	James River, Va.
79.	DeBerry, Junius B.....	1876	E	Edmund's Store, Brunswick Co., Va.
80.	Deshazo, Jno. E.....	1875	E	Mathews, Va.
81.	Dey, John B.....	1847	E Sd	Prospect, Va.
82.	Dey, Bascom.....	1885	E	Prospect, Va.
83.	Drewry, Samuel R.....	1890	E	Cascade, Va.
84.	Driscoll, Asa.....	1891	E	Hayes' Store, Va.
85.	Duke, Thos. P.....	1877	E	Elba, Va.
86.	Dunkley, Henry W.....	1898	D P	Ashland, Va.
87.	Early, Thos. H.....	1857	E Sy	Lynchburg, Va.
88.	Early, L. Hunter.....	1898	D P	Howardsville, Va.
89.	Edwards, Wm. E.....	1862	E	Charlottesville, Va.
90.	Edwards, Wm. Henry.....	1876	E	Norfolk, Va.
91.	Edwards, Theo. O.....	1878	E	Boykin's, Va.
92.	Edwards, Francis M.....	1863	E	South Boston, Va.
93.	Elliott, M. S.....	1889	E	Meadsville, Halifax Co., Va.
94.	Evans, Wallace R.....	1897	P	Lynchburg, Va.
95.	Ferguson, Richard.....	1869	E	Flint Hill, Va.
96.	Forkner, Jas. D.....	1885	E	Cartersville, Va.
97.	Foushee, Nathan B.....	1876	E	Newsom's, Va.

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98. Franklin, Alex. L.....	1895	D	Meherrin, Va.
99. Galloway, Chas. H.....	1891	E	Concord Depot, Va.
100. Garland, J. Powell.....	1858	E	Richmond, Va.
101. Garland, Robert C.....	1896	D	Thurman, Bedford Co., Va.
102. Garner, Emmett F.....	1890	E	Chatham, Va.
103. Gates, James E.....	1871	E Sd	Ashland, Va.
104. Gayle, R. Finley.....	1879	E	Richmond, Va.
105. Gill, Jno. R.....	1892	E	Bloxom, Va.
106. Granbery, Jno. C., Jr.....	1896	D	Nashville, Tenn.
107. Grant, Wm. E.....	1880	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham Co., Va.
108. Green, Wm. T.....	1878	E	Suffolk, Va.
109. Green, Chas. H.....	1873	E	Reams' Station, Va.
110. Greene, Geo. F.....	1892	E	Ettricks, Va.
111. Gregory, Werter H.....	1871	E	Pungoteague, Va.
112. Griffith, J. R.....	1866	E	Onley, Accomac Co., Va.
113. Hall, Alex. M.....	1852	E Sd	Petersburg, Va.
114. Hall, Ernest F.....	1893	E	Orange, Va.
115. Hank, Josiah D.....	1857	E	Onancock, Va.
116. Hardy, Porter.....	1888	E	Enfield, King William Co., Va.
117. Harrell, Emmett E.....	1883	E	Rocky Mount, Va.
118. Harry, J. C.....	1897	P	Kennett's, Va.
119. Hatcher, Samuel C.....	1893	E	Norfolk, Va.
120. Hayes, Wm. F.....	1882	E	Bowling Green, Va.
121. Haynes, W. T. A.....	1894	D Sd	Clover, Va.
122. Heckman, Jas. W.....	1890	E	Chamblissburg, Va.
123. Herrink, Benj. S.....	1874	E	Marengo, Va.
124. Hitt, Luther T.....	1892	E	Scottsville, Va.
125. Hobday, Chas. E.....	1867	E	Lawrenceville, Va.
126. Hope, Herbert M.....	1873	E	Petersburg, Va.
127. Hosier, Jno. D.....	1895	D	Sanford', Accomac Co., Va.
128. Hunter, Joshua S.....	1870	E	Charlottesville, Va.
129. James, C. Rosser.....	1888	E	Irvington, Lancaster Co., Va.
130. James, Richard G.....	1892	E	Gum Spring, Louisa Co., Va.
131. Jett, Wm. B.....	1890	E	Miller's Tavern, Va.
132. Johnson, S. Harvey.....	1876	E	Whitmell, Pittsylvania Co., Va.
133. Johnson, Henry E.....	1857	E	Norfolk, Va.
134. Johnson, Thos. E.....	1894	D	Dover Mines, Va.
135. Jolliff, James K.....	1892	E	Smithfield, Va.
136. Jones, Albert A.....	1887	E	Thalia, Princess Anne Co., Va.
137. Jones, Geo. Wesley.....	1894	E	Cape Charles, Va.
138. Jones, Wm. L.....	1898	P	Ashland, Va.
139. Jordan, Wm. P.....	1869	E	Ford, Dinwiddie Co., Va.
140. Jordan, Edward M.....	1869	E Sd	Ashland, Va.
141. Jordan, Arthur C.....	1880	E	Amherst, Va.
142. Judkins, Wm. E.....	1853	E	Bloxom, Accomac Co., Va.
143. Kabler, Jno. H.....	1873	E	Suffolk, Va.
144. Lafferty, Jno. J.....	1857	E	Crozet, Va.
145. Lambeth, Samuel S.....	1857	E	Bedford City, Va.
146. Lambeth, Graham H.....	1895	D	Lynchburg, Va.
147. Langley, Jos. D.....	1897	D P	West Norfolk, Va.
148. Latham, Jos. N.....	1892	E	Williamsburg, Va.
149. Laughon, Wm. A.....	1867	E Sd	Richmond Va.
150. Lavinder, Jesse B.....	1896	D	Friend's Mission, Va.
151. Lear, Wm. W.....	1875	E	Petersburg, Va.
152. Ledbetter, B. E.....	1869	E	Lancaster, Va.
153. Leftwich, Clarke W.....	1887	E	Hewlett, Hanover Co., Va.
154. Leitch, Thos. S.....	1898	P	Ashland, Va.
155. Lennon, Jos. G.....	1886	E	Richmond, Va.

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156.	Lipscomb, Bernard F.....	1876	E	Newport News, Va.
157.	Littleton, Oscar.....	1850	E	Chester, Va.
158.	Marks, Robert H.	1897	P	Goodall, Va.
159.	Martin, Oscar L.....	1885	E	Allen, Wicomico Co., Md.
160.	Martin, Henry F. B.....	1895	D	Stuart, Va.
161.	Mastin, Jos. T.....	1876	E	Richmond, Va.
162.	Maxey, Robert M.....	1886	E	Cambridge, Md.
163.	McClelland, John.....	1845	E Sd	Comet, Isle of Wight Co., Va.
164.	McCulloch, Jas. E.....	1898	P	Nashville, Tenn.
165.	McFaden, Geo. H.....	1886	E	Crewe, Va.
166.	McGhee, Chas. H.....	1884	E	Franklin, Va.
167.	McSparran, Jas. E.....	1857	E	Quinton, New Kent Co., Va.
168.	McSparran, Francis B.....	1896	P	Danville, Va.
169.	Merritt, Jos. B.....	1862	E	Norfolk, Va.
170.	Merritt, Daniel T.....	1898	P	Norfolk, Va.
171.	Moore, Jno. T.....	1873	E	Madison, Dorchester Co., Md.
172.	Moore, Wm. E.....	1897	P	Binn's Hall, Va.
173.	Moore, Wm. B.....	.....	E	Dendron, Va.
174.	Moss, James O.....	1856	E	Rip Raps, Va..
175.	Moss, John O.....	1877	E	Hollydale, Va.
176.	Moss, James H.....	1888	E	Charlottesville, Va.
177.	Mullen, Robert H.....	1886	E	North View, Va.
178.	Murphy, Wm. L.....	1898	P	South Hill, Mecklenburg Co., Va.
179.	Nicholson, Jno. W.....	1886	E	Pleasant Ridge, Va.
180.	Oyler, Jas. E.....	1896	D	Clarksville, Va.
181.	Pace, Wm. C.....	1894	E	Ridgeway, Henry Co., Va.
182.	Parham, Edgar P.....	1882	E	Christie, Halifax Co., Va.
183.	Parrish, Jno. W.....	1894	E	Concord Depot, Va.
184.	Payne, Jno. T.....	1884	E	Gordonsville, Va.
185.	Peerman, Ernest L.....	1896	D	Danville, Va.
186.	Pell, Edward L.....	1881	E	Richmond, Va.
187.	Peters, Jas. Sidney.....	1893	E	Richmond, Va.
188.	Phaup, Leroy J.....	1889	E	Grafton, York Co., Va.
189.	Potts, Jos. E.....	1853	E	Temperanceville, Va.
190.	Potts, Reginald H.....	1882	E	Salisbury, Md.
191.	Potts, Thos. N.....	1884	E	Richmond, Va.
192.	Potts, Edgar A.....	1891	E	Richmond, Va.
193.	Potts, Eugene J.....	1894	D	Toano, Va.
194.	Pribble, Jno. L.....	1884	E	Hicks' Wharf, Mathews Co., Va.
195.	Proctor, Jos. A.....	1852	E Sy	Hickory, Norfolk Co., Va.
196.	Proctor, Wm. R.....	1889	E	Portsmouth, Va.
197.	Proctor, Fred. W.....	1893	E	Matoaca, Va.
198.	Pruden, Nathaniel J.....	1876	E	Stevensburg, Culpeper Co., Va.
199.	Pullen, Thos. G.....	1884	E	Madison, Va.
200.	Rawlings, Eugene H.....	1890	E	Richmond, Va.
201.	Ray, Geo. H.....	1853	E	Danville, Va.
202.	Reed, Jas. C.....	1868	E	Manchester, Va.
203.	Reed, Dexter W.....	1894	E	Allwood, Amherst Co., Va.
204.	Rhodes, Jno. Q.....	1869	E	Louisa, Va.
205.	Rice, Albert S. J.....	1891	E	Palmyra, Va.
206.	Riddick, Jas. A.....	1833	E Sd	Petersburg, Va.
207.	Riddick, Jos. H.....	1854	E	Farmville, Va.
208.	Riddick, Wm. H.....	1877	E	Bon Air, Va.
209.	Riddick, Jas. E. R.....	1882	E	White Plains, Brunswick Co., Va.
210.	Robins, Jno. W. S.....	1877	E	Lilian, Northumberland Co., Va.
211.	Robinson, Wm. A.....	1850	E Sd	Tappahannock, Va.
212.	Robertson, Nicholas H.....	1885	E	Franktown, Va.
213.	Routten, Jos. T.....	1880	E	Richmond, Va.

NAMES.		ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICES.
214.	Rowe, Edgar H.....	1884	E	Bowling Green, Va.
215.	Royall, Wm. W.....	1875	E	Chase City, Va.
216.	Rucker, McDaniel.....	1884	E	Union Hall, Va.
217.	Saunders, Robt. M.....	1849	E	Lynchburg, Va.
218.	Sawyer, Walter W.....	1880	E	Oak Forest, Cumberland Co., Va.
219.	Sewell, John T.	1897	D P	Richmond, Va.
220.	Scott, Richard B.....	1877	E	Nimmo, Princess Anne Co., Va.
221.	Shackford, Jos. W.....	1874	E	Bedford City, Va.
222.	Sharpe, Arthur B.....	1893	E	Drake's Branch, Va.
223.	Shearer, Lewis C.....	1895	D	Richmond, Va.
224.	Simpson, Thos. McN.....	1877	E	Farmville, Va.
225.	Sledd, Robt. N.....	1857	E	Danville, Va.
226.	Smith, Benj. F.....	1887	E	Woodville, Va.
227.	Smith, A. Coke	1872	E	Lynchburg, Va.
228.	Smith, Geo. E. B.....	1895	E	Wachapreague, Va.
229.	Smithey, Wm. R.....	1873	E	Atlee's, Hanover Co., Va.
230.	Spooner, G. Hansford.....	1891	E	Norfolk, Va.
231.	Starr, Wm. G.....	1860	E	Richmond, Va.
232.	Stevens, Ernest.....	1885	E	Culpeper, Va.
233.	Stiff, Jas. W.....	1878	E	Lynchburg, Va.
234.	Stone, Wilmot C.....	1898	P	Charlottesville, Va.
235.	Sturgis, Jos. R.....	1878	E	Blackstone, Va.
236.	Taylor, Travis J.....	1867	E	Danville, Va.
237.	Thomas, Jos. A.....	1892	E	Windsor, Isle of Wight Co., Va.
238.	Tompkins, Wm. A.....	1880	E	Ephesus, Bedford Co., Va.
239.	Traynham, David J.....	1878	E	Rustburg, Va.
240.	Tudor, Wm. V.....	1855	E	Richmond, Va.
241.	Turner, Chas. W.....	1887	E	Meridian, Dinwiddie Co., Va.
242.	Vaden, Wesley C.....	1861	E	Portsmouth, Va.
243.	Waggener, Jas. R.....	1849	E Sd	Birmingham, Ala.
244.	Wallace, John S.....	1879	E	Manchester, Va.
245.	Wamsley, C. S.....	1879	E	Ruther Glen, Va.
246.	Ware, Wilkinson L.....	1895	D	Wheaton, Lancaster Co., Va.
247.	Waterfield, Robt. T.....	1893	E	Portsmouth, Va.
248.	Watson, J. Carson.....	1859	E	Heathsville, Va.
249.	Watts, Robt. W.....	1857	E	Lovingston, Va.
250.	Watts, Chas. E.....	1866	E	Hickory, Norfolk Co., Va.
251.	Wertenbaker, Chas. C.....	1868	E	Smithfield, Va.
252.	White, Jno. E.....	1896	D	Bishopville, Md.
253.	Whitehead, Paul.....	1853	E	Lynchburg, Va.
254.	Whitley, Jesse T.....	1869	E	Hampton, Va.
255.	Whitmore, A. A.....	1893	E	Belle Haven, Va.
256.	Wiley, Geo. H.....	1886	E	Shackleford's, Va.
257.	Williams, Wm. T.....	1880	E	Norfolk, Va.
258.	Williams, Milton L.....	1887	E	Beach, Chesterfield Co., Va.
259.	Williams, Walter J.....	1891	E	Red House, Charlotte Co., Va.
260.	Williams, Chas. H.....	1892	E	Spotsylvania, Va.
261.	Williams, Lloyd T.....	1894	D	Norfolk, Va.
262.	Wilson, Richard T.....	1887	E	Petersburg, Va.
263.	Wingfield, Robert L.....	1894	D	Leatherwood, Va.
264.	Winn, John B.....	1891	E	Boydton, Va.
265.	Woodward, Jno. P.....	1853	E Sd	Norfolk, Va.
266.	Wray, Geo. W.....	1877	E	Petersburg, Va.
267.	Wray, Thos. J.....	1884	E	King George, Va.
268.	Wright, Wm. P.....	1867	E	Danville, Va.
269.	Young, W. J.....	1879	E	Norfolk, Va.
270.	Younger, Robt. H.....	1876	E	Disputanta, Va.

II. Lay Delegates to Conference, and Alternates who were present and served during whole or part of Session.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) were not present.

NAMES.	DISTRICT.	POST-OFFICES.
Anderson, Garrett.....	Richmond.....	Shackelford's, King & Queen Co.
Barrow, P. T.....	Danville.....	Danville, Va.
Barrow, H. E.....	Farmville.....	Farmville, Va.
Blackwell, R. A.....	Farmville.....	Hollydale, Lunenburg Co., Va.
Boggs, J. E.....	Eastern Shore.....	Cape Charles, Va.
Bradbury, John W.....	Petersburg.....	Petersburg, Va.
*Branch, John P.....	West Richmond..	Richmond, Va.
Campbell, M. A.....	Richmond.....	Manchester, Va.
*Carter, C. D.....	Charlottesville....	Charlottesville, Va.
Clarke, J. E.....	Farmville.....	Sunnyside, Cumberland Co., Va.
Cogbill, M. A.....	West Richmond..	Chesterfield C. H., Va.
Covington, T. R. (Alt.).....	Charlottesville....	Stevensburg, Culpeper Co., Va.
Davis, John W. C.....	Rappahannock	Hague, Westmoreland Co., Va.
Dyer, Isaac R.....	Petersburg.....	Petersburg, Va.
Eastbourn, Oliver.....	Rappahannock....	Fredericksburg, Va.
Elam, J. W.....	Lynchburg.....	Terryville, Charlotte Co., Va.
Eley, A. W.....	Portsmouth.....	Suffolk, Va.
Evans, D. J.....	Lynchburg.....	Concord, Campbell Co., Va.
Gary, M. E.....	Richmond.....	Richmond, Va.
Grandy, J. W.....	Norfolk.....	Norfolk, Va.
Hartley, R. B.....	Petersburg.....	Stony Creek, Sussex Co., Va.
Hines, P. E.....	Eastern Shore.....	Cambridge, Md.
Hunt, Gilbert J.....	West Richmond..	Richmond, Va.
Hyslop, L. J.....	Eastern Shore.....	Kellar, Accomac Co., Va.
Irby, Richard (Alt.).....	West Richmond..	Ashland, Va.
Keeling, M. C.....	Norfolk.....	Berkley, Va.
Kellam, A. E.....	Norfolk.....	Princess Anne C. H., Va.
Kellam, T. C.....	Eastern Shore.....	Onancock, Va.
Kidd, W. J.....	Charlottesville....	Lovings-ton, Nelson Co., Va.
Linney, H. B. (Alt.).....	Charlottesville....	Gordonsville, Va.
Miller, J. T.....	Norfolk.....	Lambert's Point, Va.
*Mills, J. J.....	West Richmond..	Apple Grove, Louisa Co., Va.
Minor, J. T.....	Rappahannock	Comorn, King George Co., Va.
Moseley, E. G.....	Danville.....	Danville, Va.
Nance, L. M.....	Richmond.....	Roxbury, Charles City Co., Va.
Neville, Geo. L.....	Portsmouth.....	Portsmouth, Va.
Newbill, C. B.....	Rappahannock	Centre Cross, King & Queen Co.
Pattie, D. M.....	Charlottesville....	Madison, Va.
Rawlings, J. R.....	Petersburg.....	Lawrenceville, Va.
Sebrell, J. E. (Alt.).....	Portsmouth.....	Countland, Southampton Co., Va.
*Shelton, Geo. W.....	Lynchburg.....	Thaxton's, Bedford Co., Va.
Traver, James.....	Danville.....	South Boston, Va.
Vincent, W. H.....	Portsmouth.....	Capron, Va.
Wall, J. H.....	Farmville.....	Whittle's Mill, Meckl'b'g Co., Va.
Watson, F. B.....	Danville.....	Chatham, Va.
West, Thos. S.....	Lynchburg.....	Bellevue, Bedford Co., Va.
*Williams, H. H.....	Portsmouth.....	Suffolk, Va.
Winfree, John B.....	Lynchburg.....	Lynchburg, Va.

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